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RELOCATION INFORMATION FOR

Fort Carson Colorado

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Installation

Installation Overview

For more information on this subject: Fort Carson Home Page http://www.carson.army.mil

Location: Fort Carson, the Mountain Post, is a proud Army post located southwest of Colorado Springs, between Interstate 25 and Highway 115. This post is recognized as one of the world's premier locations to lead, train, and maintain while preparing soldiers to win on the battlefield. We are a caring installation that emphasizes quality of life programs. This proud team fosters personal and professional growth by providing a command climate that attracts, develops, and retains quality people. This is a community in which the Total Army Family, in cooperation with surrounding communities. contributes accomplishing our most important mission: caring for soldiers, civilians, retirees, and families while we train to be ready to mobilize, deploy, and fight.

Mission: To operate an efficient and effective Installation...a power projection platform...dedicated to the training, mobilization, deployment and sustainment of the Enhanced Separate Brigades of the 7th Infantry Division and the combat-ready forces assigned to the Mountain Post ... while providing a caring environment for all in a climate of cooperation and partnership with civilian and military neighbors.

History: The history of Fort Carson started with Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; the United States declared war on the axis powers. Washington D.C. officials in charge of selecting new sites for military installations went into immediate action. Less than one month later on January 6, 1942, it was announced that Colorado Springs had been selected as the site for an army camp. On February 22, 1942, Colorado Springs newspapers reported that the installation would be named Camp Carson in honor of Brigadier General Christopher "Kit" Carson, the famous frontiersman. The original military reservation consisted of 60,048 acres of land; 5,533 donated by the city of Colorado Springs, 29,676 purchased from private owners, 262 acquired from the Department of Interior, and 24,577 leased from the State of Colorado.

When you arrive at Fort Carson, expect to train and play hard. This geographical area provides some of the most beautiful scenery and outdoor recreational opportunities in America!

Must Know Items

For more information on this subject: US Army Housing Information http://www.pcshouseexpress.com

BASE ACCESS: Fort Carson is located on the front range of the Rocky Mountains, 60 miles south of Denver on Interstate 25, exit 135. You can also enter the post from State Highway 115 (Nevada Avenue). In August 2002, Fort Carson became a 'closed' post. In order to gain access to the post, all new arrivals should report to Gate #1 on Highway 115 for a vehicle pass or to register your vehicle on post. Your current drivers' license, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration information/papers will be needed.

Colorado Springs Airport is currently served by 12 airline carriers and is located about 10 miles from Fort Carson. The Armed Forces YMCA Booth, located near baggage claim area #4, is available for assistance. Military transportation is available 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-279-1151. Greyhound also has a bus terminal in Colorado Springs.

DIRECTIONS FROM AIRPORT: The Colorado Springs Airport is located north of Fort Carson. Following the Airport road exit which turns into Drennan Road, turn left onto Academy Blvd. Academy Blvd will curve back to the right and the front range will be directly in front of you. You will pass the exit for Fort Carson Gate #4 at B-Street. Continue West towards the front range. Take the State Highway 115 exit South towards Canon City. You will pass the Fort Carson Gate #2 exit. After approximately two miles, Fort Carson Gate #1 will be on your left. Follow the brown signs to the Welcome Center or Colorado Inn (billeting).

FROM DENVER, take I-25 South to Colorado Springs. Take the South Academy Blvd exit at Exit #135. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto south Academy Blvd heading West. The front range will be directly in front of you. You will pass the exit for Fort Carson Gate #4 at B-Street. Continue West towards the front range. Take the State Highway 115 exit South towards Canon City. You will pass the Fort Carson Gate #2 exit. After approximately two miles, Fort Carson Gate #1 will be on your left. Follow the brown signs to the Welcome Center or Colorado Inn (billeting).

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onto South Academy Blvd. The front range will be directly in front of you. You will pass the exit for Fort Carson Gate #4 at B-Street. Continue West towards the front range. Take the State Highway 115 exit South towards Canon City. You will pass the Fort Carson Gate #2 exit. After approximately two miles, Fort Carson Gate #1 will be on your left. Follow the brown signs to the Welcome Center or Colorado Inn (billeting).

REPORTING-IN PROCEDURES: All incoming personnel, LTC and below, must report to the Welcome Center regardless of direct unit of assignment. The Welcome Center is open 24 hours a day and will schedule your in-processing appointment. Incoming civilians should report to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) located in Bldg 1550 on Specker Ave. See the RELOCATION SERVICES section of this booklet.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION: Spouses and family members of incoming soldiers will want to visit The Family Connection, the ACS Family Welcome Center located at 6070 Barkeley Avenue, Building 1354. The Family Connection offers the following services and activities to assist transitioning families to the Mountain Post: the ACS Loan Closet; the Toy and Book Exchange for families staying in temporary lodging; weekly Carson Cares Spouse Orientation; two internet stations dedicated for use by transitioning families; Welcome Packets, including maps and information on post and community programs/services; community networking opportunities; and SHARE Colorado registration. Make The Family Connection one of your first stops and let us get you connected--we have a free gift for incoming spouses and a play area for children. The Family Connection is open Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1630. Call us for directions or for more information at 526-1070. "Connecting Your Family With Ours."

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS: Everyone assigned to Fort Carson should carry assignment orders, leave forms, military identification, marriage certificates, immigration paperwork and passports, shot records, pet records, medical and dental records, and school records.

TEMPORARY LODGING: The Colorado Inn is located in Bldg 7301 on Woodfill Road. Reservations should be made up to 60 days before arrival by calling (719) 526-2527/4832 or DSN 691-2527. This is critical, especially in the summer months. Colorado Springs is a popular tourist area, and lodging vacancies are limited during peak seasons. Please

note that pets cannot stay in The Colorado Inn. (See RELOCATION SERVICES for information on kennels and pet policies.)

COST OF LIVING: The cost of living is quite high in the area. The highest out of pocket expense for most soldiers is housing. The majority of soldiers assigned to Fort Carson live in the surrounding community. The housing situation off-post is very limited, with only a 5% vacancy rate. All soldiers must report to the Housing Referral Office located in Bldg 7301,Woodfill Rd. For more specific information, call (719)526-2323/DSN 691-2323. Visit the relocation section of the Fort Carson home page for links to rentals and real estate.

OFF-POST HOUSING: Housing in the Colorado Springs area is expensive and often difficult to find. To assist soldiers and families in this area, Fort Carson has entered into a partnership with local landlords called "CHIP". Landlords in the Colorado Springs area are providing special renting incentives to Fort Carson soldiers. Incentives offered are: reduced or no security deposits, reduced rent during deployment, no application or credit check fees, etc. The CHIP manager will also assist with any landlord/tenant disputes. BY A DIRECT ORDER THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ALL SERVICE MEMBERS ARRIVING AT FORT CARSON MUST VISIT THE COMMUNITY HOME FINDING RELOCATION REFERRAL SERVICE OFFICE BEFORE ENTERING INTO ANY RENTAL OR SALES AGREEMENT.

The CHIP office is located in the Community Home Finding Relocation Referral Service (CHRRS) office in the Colorado Inn, Bldg 7301, Woodfill Road. The hours are Monday-Wednesday & Friday 0730-1600 & Thursday 1000-1600. For further information, call (719)526-5219/DSN 691-5219.

For current information on Fort Carson Housing, visit their web site located in the overview web address and then click PCSHouse. Go to and click on US Installations; scroll to and click on Fort Carson.

CHILDCARE: Contact the Child Development Center (CDS) at (719)526-1100, DSN 691-1100. They will answer your childcare questions. Also check the CHILD AND TEEN SERVICES section of this booklet.

HOME ALONE POLICY: Children under the age of ten cannot be left unattended (or left attended by a child under the age of 12) for an inappropriate period of time. For all other questions regarding the Home Alone Policy, contact Child and Youth Services at 526-4188/3378 or read S-14 in the Commanding General's Policy File.

SCHOOLS: The following 10 school districts are located in or near the greater Colorado Springs area. (The schools on post belong to District 8.) To register your child with any of these districts, you will need the following documentation:

- -- Proof of Child's Birth (original birth certificate bearing a raised seal. Substitutions may include an original baptismal certificate with the child's full legal name, military identification, or a passport.)
- -- Proof of Guardianship (a power of attorney or letter of guardianship for a period of time no more than nine months is required if the child is not residing with the natural and custodial parent.)
- -- Immunization Records (the original record of your child's immunization bearing the signature of a doctor, nurse, or school official must be provided.)
- -- Proof of Residence (lease or purchase agreement or a current telephone or utility bill issued in your name. If you are living with someone else, a writtenstatement or letter will be required from the person you are living with along with a copy of their lease or purchase agreement and a utility or telephone bill with their name and address. Items not considered acceptable proof of residence include personal letters, cellular telephone bills, and driver's licenses.
- -- Social Security Numbers (for you and your child. The child's number is used for student identification purposes. Your SSN is used for security and identification purposes when picking up your child or during telephone communication.) Refer to the EDUCATION CATEGORY for more indepth information.

NAME: District 2 (Harrison) ADDRESS: 1060 Harrison Road CITY: Colorado Springs, CO 80906

PHONE: 719-579-2000 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 19, 2002

END OF QUARTERS: 18 Oct 02; 19 Dec 02; 13

Mar 03; 22 May 03

WINTER BREAK: Dec 23-Jan 3, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: May 22, 2003 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Harrison School District 2 requires 24 credits for graduation, as follows: 4 English; 3 Mathematics; 3 Science; 3 Social Studies; 1 Physical Education; 2 Practical Arts; 2 Humanities; and 6 Electives. A unit is the amount of credit awarded for the successful completion of a course held five days per week for at least 40 minutes daily or the equivalent amount of time throughout one school year for at least 36 weeks

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: Yes SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 3 (Widefield) ADDRESS: 1820 Main Street CITY: Colorado Springs, CO 80911

PHONE: 719-391-3000 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 21, 2002

END OF QUARTERS: 17 Oct 02; 20 Dec 02; 7 Mar

03; 22 May 03

WINTER BREAK: Dec 23 - Jan 6, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: May 22, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 46 semester credits in grades 9-12 are required for graduation. A semester credit is given for successful completion of a course which meets the equivalent of five times a week for eighteen weeks. Some courses may have required standards which also must be met. Adjustments may be made for students transferring in from other districts. Transfer students must attend a minimum of a semester at a Widefield District #3 high school to receive a Widefield District #3 high school diploma. For more specific information, see the Widefield School District #3 Board Policies, Section I

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: No SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 8 (Fountain-Fort Carson) ADDRESS: 425 W. Alabama Avenue

CITY: Fountain, CO 80817 PHONE: 719-382-1300 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 12, 2002

END OF QUARTERS: 11 Oct 02; 18 Dec 02; 14

Mar 03; 30 May

WINTER BREAK: Dec 19 - Jan 7, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: May 30, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 26 credits in grades 9-12 are required for graduation, as follows: 4 Language Arts; 4 Social Studies; 4 Mathematics; 4 Science; 2 Physical Education; 1

Foreign Language; 1 Fine Arts; 1 Practical Arts, and

5 Electives.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: No SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 11 (Colorado Springs) ADDRESS: 1115 N. El Paso Street CITY: Colorado Springs, CO 80903

PHONE: 719-520-2005 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 20, 2002

END OF QUARTERS: 18 Oct 02; 20 Dec 02; 14

Mar 03; 23 May 03

PARENT CONFERENCES: Oct 24-25, 2002 WINTER BREAK: Dec 23 - Jan 3, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: May 23, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 44 credits in grades 9-12 are required for graduation, as follows: 8 English; 6 Social Studies; 6 Math, 4 Science, 3 Physical Education, 1 Health, 2 Humanities, 1 Computer Education, 1 Economics, 1

Practical Arts, and 11 Electives.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: Yes SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 12 (Cheyenne Mountain) ADDRESS: 1118 W. Cheyenne Road CITY: Colorado Springs, CO 80906

PHONE: 719-475-6100 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS (Elementary): Aug 29, 2002 SCHOOL BEGINS (Jr/High School): Aug 15, 2002 END OF SEMESTERS: 19 Dec 02; 22 May 03

WINTER BREAK: Dec 23 - Jan 3, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: May 22, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 30 required semester course credits and 16 required elective semester course credits, or 46 total, are required for graduation, as follows: 4 English, 4 Mathematics, 4 Social Studies, 2 Science, 2 Physical Education, 1 Health, 4 Foreign Language, 4 Fine Arts and 16 Electives.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: Yes SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 14 (Manitou Springs) ADDRESS: 701 Ducio Avenue CITY: Manitou Springs, CO 80829

PHONE: 719-685-2024 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 27, 2002

END OF SEMESTERS: 19 Dec 02; 22 May 03 WINTER BREAK: Dec 23 - Jan 3, 2003 SPRING BREAK: March 24-28, 2003

CLASSES END: Jun 5, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 52 credits are required for graduation, as follows: 8 English, 8 Mathematics, 6 Science, 4 Social Studies, 1 Physical Education, 1 Health, 4 Fine Arts/Practical

Arts, and 20 Electives.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: No SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 20 (Academy) ADDRESS: 7610 N. Union Blvd CITY: Colorado Springs, CO 80920

PHONE: 719-598-2566 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 21, 2002

END OF SEMESTERS: 20 Dec 02; 02 Jun 03 WINTER BREAK: Dec 20 - Jan 6, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003

CLASSES END: Jun 2, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 48 credits in grades 9-12 are required for graduation, as follows: 8 English, 6 Science, 6 Mathematics, 6 Social Studies, 1 Health, 3 Physical Education, 1 Art,

6 Core Electives, and 11 Electives.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: Yes SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 38 (Lewis-Palmer) ADDRESS: 146 Jefferson Street CITY: Monument, CO 80132 PHONE: 719-488-4700 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 22, 2002

END OF SEMESTERS: Call the Administration

Office.

WINTER BREAK: Dec 19 - Jan 6, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: Jun 5, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: District 38 requires 23 credits for graduation. For a breakdown of these credits, please call the administration office.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: Yes SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District 49 (Falcon)

ADDRESS: 10850 E Woodmen Road

CITY: Peyton, CO 80831 PHONE: 719-495-3601 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 6, 2002

END OF SEMESTERS: 20 Dec 02; 29 May 03

FALL BREAK: Oct 14-25, 2001 WINTER BREAK: Dec 23 - Jan 7, 2003 SPRING BREAK: Mar 24 - Apr 4, 2003

CLASSES END: May 29, 2002

(NOTE: District 49 is a year-round school system) GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: District 49 requires a total of 25.5 credits in grades 9-12 for graduation, as follows: 4 English, 3.5 Social Studies, 3 Science, 3 Mathematics, 1 Practical Arts or Foreign Language, 1 Fine Arts, 1 Physical Education, .5 Health, and 8.5 Electives.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: Yes SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

NAME: District RE-2 (Woodland Park)

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 99

CITY: Woodland Park, CO 80866

PHONE: 719-687-6048 HOURS: M-F 0745-1500

SCHOOL BEGINS: Aug 21, 2002

END OF QUARTERS: 19 Oct 02; 21 Dec 02; 15

Mar 03; 23 May 03

WINTER BREAK: Dec 23 - Jan 3, 2003 SPRING BREAK: March 24-28, 2003 CLASSES END: May 22, 2003

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: For graduation requirements, please contact the administration office.

EXTENDED DAY CARE SERVICES: SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Yes

For more information on school districts, go to the EDUCATION Section under Public and DODDS Schools for the web links.

PETS: Pets are not allowed at the the Colorado Inn (temporary lodging), and most apartment complexes do not accept renters with pets. See the RELOCATION SERVICES section for kennel and veterinarian information. No quarantine upon arrival. No pet transportation services are available.

NEWCOMERS BRIEFING: All incoming soldiers are required to attend a newcomers briefing after their arrival to Fort Carson. Your unit will inform you of the details. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

WEATHER: Colorado Springs is a four-season area, each season with its charm in moderation. With an average elevation of about 6,035 feet, the average temperatures during the year are 10 to 15 degrees cooler than other parts of the country at the same latitude. The summers are not as hot and conversely,

the winters are not as cold. This blending and moderation of seasons is caused by the influence of the Rocky Mountains. This is a dry climate, making the temperatures seem more comfortable. The cool nights extend throughout the year and are most enjoyable during the summer months. During the winter months, night temperatures drop below freezing, but brilliant sunshine and warmer daytime temperatures arrive by 10:00 a.m. Light snow in the fall, winter and spring is common, but rarely remains more than a few days due to low humidity and the intense sun. However, there are those occasions once or twice a year when one or two feet of snow can bring everything to a halt. Additionally, summer afternoon thunder showers can be severe, with frequent lightening, hail, wind and heavy rain. The weather here can change quickly, so it is good to be prepared. You should carry extra clothes, water, and a flashlight in your car at all times.

ALTITUDE: There is less oxygen in the air at 6,035 feet than at sea level. Newcomers to the area notice that exertion causes a bit of huffing and puffing, at least for a while. Headaches and difficulty sleeping are not uncommon. The key to getting used to the altitude is taking it easy at first. Low levels of humidity can cause you to dehydrate before you realize it. Perspiration does not soak your clothing the way it does in more humid climates -- it just evaporates. Exercise in moderation, and drink lots of water! Your skin will be drier here so make sure you use plenty of lotion. Moisturizers and lip balm are best-sellers. Low humidity has its advantages too. Spills, rain and snow evaporate quickly, and mosquitoes and most other insects are scarce. Contact Occupational Health at (719) 526-6145/DSN 691-6145 for specific guidelines. Living in a high altitude and dry climate also effects cooking and gardening, and sometimes, automobile efficiency and emissions.

For more information on high altitude cooking, contact the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Service at 719-636-8924, M-F 0800-1200 and 1300-1700 or do a web search for 'high altitude cooking' -- there are plenty of great websites on this subject.

For more information on Colorado gardening, contact the CSU Extension Office or the local Horticultural Art Society at 719-475-0250.

For more information on winter driving tips or statewide road conditions, call 877-315-ROAD (7623) or visit the Colorado Department of

Must Know Items

Installation			
Site Name Fort Carson			
Last Updated	October 11, 2002		
State/Territory	Colorado		
County	El Paso		
ZIP Code	80913		
Service	USA		
Host Command			
Physical Size	373299		
	Personnel		
FSC/ACS Director	Judith Woolley		
Relocation Assistance	Donna Finney		
Manager			
Relocation Assistance	Jamie Parker		
Specialist			
	Phones		
DSN Country Code			
DSN Number	691-4590		
Commercial Country Code	1		
Commercial Area Code	(719)		
Commercial Number	526-4590		
FAX DSN Country Code			
FAX DSN Number	691-2637		
FAX Commercial Country	1		
Code			
FAX Commercial Area Code	(719)		
FAX Commercial Number	526-2637		
Offi	cial Mailing Address		
Street Line 1	Army Community Service		
Street Line 2	6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526		
City	Fort Carson		
State/Territory	СО		
ZIP Code	80913-4104		
Deliverable Address			
Street Line 1			
Street Line 2			
City			
State/Territory			
ZIP Code			
E-Mail	Relocation@carson.army.mil		
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Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

For more information on this subject: NORAD http://www.norad.mil

The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is a binational United States and Canadian

organization charged with the missions of aerospace warning and aerospace control for North America. Aerospace warning includes the monitoring of manmade objects in space, and the detection, validation, and warning of attack against North America whether by aircraft, missiles, or space vehicles, utilizing mutual support arrangements with other commands. Aerospace control includes providing surveillance and control of Canadian and United States airspace.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

Please see detail Record Listing for more information on this subject.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

State/Country	Site Name	Service	Distance
Colorado	Buckley AFB	USAF	76 miles
Colorado	Peterson AFB	USAF	10 miles
Colorado	Schriever AFB	USAF	25 miles
Colorado	USAF Academy	USAF	21 miles

Regulations

ID Cards: Military Personnel Division (ID Card)

ADDRESS: Bldg 1118, Wetzel & Ellis

POC: Officer in Charge PHONE: (719) 526-8423

DSN: 691-8423

HOURS: M-W&F 0730-1600 TH 0800-1430

Vehicle Registration (Installation): All personnel entering Fort Carson will be required to register their vehicle(s). Bring the following items: drivers license, vehicle registration, Military ID or Civilian ID, and proof of vehicle insurance.

ADDRESS: Fort Carson Welcome Center, Bldg

1218, RM 213, Wetzel & Ellis PHONE: (719) 526-8612

DSN: 691-8612 FAX: (719) 526-8462

HOURS: M-F 0930-1530 (closed Thursday)

Vehicle Checks: All vehicles entering Fort Carson are subject to search. Military Police conduct random vehicle searches/ inspections. Each unit conducts pre-holiday vehicle safety checks. Questions may be directed to the Military Police Desk Sergeant, (719) 526-2333

Drivers License (State): Active duty members and their families need not obtain a Colorado driver's license if they are 16 years of age or older and possess a valid license from their home state or state of last assignment. However if family members obtain employment in Colorado, then they are required to obtain a Colorado driver's license. A basic license is \$15, for a five year period. Instruction permits are issued for \$10, and commercial licenses are \$25. There is a \$16 (one time) charge for transferring a motorcycle and additional \$1 charge for any license that needs a motorcycle endorsement. A USAREUR license is valid for 45 days. If you do not possess a valid stateside license, you will have to take the written

test. The location listed below is the nearest to Ft Carson. Written exams are available in English, German, Spanish, and Korean. You may obtain your vehicle registration at this location.

ADDRESS: 161 Fontaine Blvd, Widefield Mall

PHONE: (719) 392-6101 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Vehicle Registration (State): When obtaining your vehicle registration, you may file a non-resident form available from the Staff Judge Advocate. This form certifies that you are not a Colorado resident and will exempt you from paying state tax on your vehicle. Also, before registering your vehicle, you need a current Colorado emissions test and you must have the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN #) verified. Because of Fort Carson's high altitude, your personal vehicle may require a tune-up to operate efficiently and to meet Colorado clean air emissions standards. This tune-up can cost as much as \$200 for vehicles 1982 and newer, and up to \$50 for vehicles 1981 or older. There is no cost limit for smoking vehicle repairs - smoking vehicles cannot be operated in Colorado. Emissions tests are available from the Auto Craft Shop, local area service stations and auto dealerships. To verify your VIN #, go to the Military Police Station, Bldg 2700, located at the southern end of post at Barkeley and Christie. The Military Police will check your VIN# and provide you with the required document free of charge. When you have completed the prerequisites, visit the State Vehicle Registration Office.

ADDRESS: 115 Fontaine Blvd, Widefield Mall

PHONE: (719) 520-6240 HOURS: M-F 0700-1630

Child Restraints: Colorado State traffic laws apply and are strictly enforced. Seatbelts are mandatory on and off post. The following restrictions apply to operation of motor vehicles both on and off the installation: (a) IAW AR 190-5 and FC Reg 190-5, all personnel operating or riding in any motor vehicle on or off the installation are required to wear

seatbelts (Both Shoulder and Lap if provided) in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. (b) Children 4 years of age and younger, weighing 40 pounds or less are required to sit in an apprived child restraint seat. The child restraint seats will be secured in the rear seat of vehicles so equipped. Post speed limits are 10 MPH when passing troops, 20 MPH in housing areas, and 30 MPH in all other areas unless otherwise posted. Our goal is to prevent accidents prior to their occurring. Questions should be directed to the Military Police Desk Sergeant, (719) 526-2333 DSN 691-2333.

Motorcycle Safety: All personnel entering the installation must attend a safety briefing before driving a motorcycle and must wear a helmet and a reflectorized vest. Any person operating a Motorcycle or self propelled two, three or four wheel vehicle that is powered by a motorcycle type engine will adhere to the following guidelines: Aproved Department of Transportation type helmet, full fingered gloves, eye protection, long pants, long sleeved shirt or jacket, high visibility garments for daylight operations and reflectorized material for night or reduced visibility and leather boots or over the ankle shoes (not tennis or athletic shoes) must be worn by all operators on the installation and by military personnel both on and off the installation, whether on duty or off duty. Colorado doesn't have a helmet law but all active duty personnel are required to wear a helmet regardless of being on or off post.

ADDRESS: Bldg 1117, Specker & Ellis

PHONE: (719) 526-8042

DSN: 691-8042

HOURS: M-F 0730-1615

Auto Insurance: All persons operating a vehicle on Fort Carson are responsible for carrying and producing proof of current motor vehicle insurance. Questions should be directed to the Military Police Desk Sergeant, (719) 526-2333 DSN 691-2333.

Firearm Registration: All soldiers, their families, or anyone bringing a firearm onto Fort Carson must register the firearm at the location below. Soldiers must register all firearm within 72 hours of arrival. Registration must be carried with the firearm at all times.

ADDRESS: Bldg 2700, Christie St

PHONE: (719) 526-1455

DSN: 691-1455

HOURS: M-F 1230-1645, TH 1330-1445

Juvenile Curfew: The need for parental control over juvenile family members requires that Fort Carson implement a juvenile curfew. The Commanding General's policy is clearly stated in Appendix B of the Mountain Post Housing Guide. It defines juviniles as unmarried civilians under the age of 18. It also states that juveniles will not be out in public places during the following hours: (a) Sunday through Thursday, from 2200 through 0600 the following morning (Monday through Friday, respectively).

(b) Friday and Saturday, from 2400 through 0600 the following morning (Saturday and Sunday, respectively)

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HOURS: M-F 1230-1645, TH 1330-1445

Fishing License(State): Colorado State licenses may be obtained at the Outdoor Recreation Complex and at many area convenience and department stores. To hunt or fish on Fort Carson, you must have a valid State license and an on-post permit. Prior to purchasing this on-post permit, you must attend a one-time mandatory safety briefing. This briefing is held on the second and last Tuesday of each month in the Blue Spruce room at the Outdoor Recreation Complex (ORC). State license fees are \$20.25 for fishing, \$15.25 for small game hunting, and \$30.25 for combination small game & fishing license. On post permit fees are \$10.00 for fishing, \$10.00 for small game hunting, and \$15.00 for combination small game hunting and fishing.

ADDRESS: Bldg 2429, Specker & Ellis POC: Outdoor Recreation Complex (ORC)

PHONE: (719) 526-2083

DSN: 691-2083

HOURS: M-S 1000-1730

HOL: 1000-1600

Boat License: License fees vary based on boat size; less than 20 feet is \$15.25, 20 feet or longer is \$20.25. Provide a copy of Fort Carson assignment orders when purchasing these licenses.

ADDRESS: 2128 N Weber POC: Colorado Division of Parks

PHONE: (719) 471-0900 HOURS: 0800-1645

Hunting License: Colorado big game license is \$20.25 for deer and \$30.25 for elk. For anyone born after 31 December 1948, hunter education (safety)

card is required for any type of hunting or trapping in Colorado. Hunter education classes are offered by Outdoor Recreation. Call to make reservations. For hunting and fishing license fee purposes, soldiers are considered State residents when they PCS to Fort Carson. Proof of PCS is required (i.e., assignment orders, Colorado drivers license at least 6 months old, rent receipts, etc.).

ADDRESS: Bldg 2429, Specker & Wetzel

POC: Outdoor Recreation Complex

PHONE: (719) 526-2083

DSN: 691-2083

HOURS: M-S 1000-1730

HOL: 1000-1600

Restricted Areas: Restricted areas on post are clearly identified and are strictly enforced. Questions concerning restricted areas should be directed to the G-2, (719) 526-3402 DSN 691-3402.

Accidents: Colorado State law and Fort Carson regulations require that all accidents be reported to the nearest law enforcement agency. Failure to report a traffic accident is a chargeable offense. Animal strikes must also be reported. Questions should be directed to the Military Police Desk Sergeant, (719)

526-2333 DSN 691-2333.

Commonly Referenced Numbers

Name	Commercial	DSN
American Red Cross	719-526-2311	691-2311
Army Community Service	719-526-4590	691-4590
Billeting	719-526-2527/4832	691-2527/4832
Child and Youth Services	719-526-1100	691-1100
Education Center	719-526-2124	691-2124
Evans Hospital	719-526-7000	691-7000
Housing Referral Office	719-526-2323	691-2323
Installation Chaplain	719-526-5910	691-5910
Joint Personal Property Shipping	Inbound 719-554-	-
Office	9298/Outbound 719-526-	
	3755	
Legal Assistance	719-526-5572	691-5572
Military Clothing and Sales	719-576-2586	-
Military Police	719-526-2333	691-2333
Post Information	719-526-5811 or 1-800-283-	691-5811
	5029	
The Family Connection	719-526-1070	691-1070
Welcome Center	1-800-279-1151	691-0349

Major Unit Listing

Unit	Command	Point of Contact	Commercial	DSN	Fax
1/12th Inf			719-526-3669	691-3669	
1/3rd ACR			719-526- 5476/4657	691-5476/4657	
1/68th Armor			719-526-9567	691-9567	
1/8th Inf			719-526-7511	691-7511	
10th CSH			719-526-3800	691-3800	
10th Special			719-524-1851	691-1851	
Forces Group					
(ABN)					
10th Special			719-524-3427	691-3427	
Forces Group					
(ABN) 2nd BN					
10th Special			719-524-1753	691-1753	
Forces Group					
(ABN) 3rd BN					
2/3rd ACR			719-526-6989	691-6989	
3/29th Field			719-526-9501	691-9501	
Artillery					
3/3rd ACR			719-526-6158	691-6158	
32nd TRANS			719-526-5355	691-5355	
360th TRANS			719-526-2313	691-2313	
3rd ACR			719-526-9616	691-9616	
3rd Brigade			719-526-8837	691-8837	
Headquarters					
4/3rd ACR			719-526-9636	691-9636	
43rd Area			719-526-9394	691-9394	
Support Group					
4th Engineers			719-526-3441	691-3441	
4th PSB			719-526-6540	691-6540	
52nd Engineer			719-526-2165	691-2165	
BN					
60th ORD CO			719-526-8875	691-8875	
64th Support			719-526-8115	691-8115	
BN					
68th Corps			719-526-6788	691-6788	
Support BN					
759th MP			719-526-3202	691-3202	
764th EOD			719-526-2643	691-2643	
K/CO, 158th			719-526-3555	691-3555	
AVN					

Transportation

City bus transportation is available in the local area. Please see listing for more specifics.

Name: Scheduled Airline Ticket Office-Personal

Travel

POC: Carlson Wagonlit Tra
Address: Bldg 1012, Long Drive

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913

Phone: 719-576-5404 (leisure) 719-576-5188

(official)

Comments:

Carlson Wagonlit is your one stop travel service. Offers Airline tickets, cruises and rental cars.

Hours: 0900-1730

Name: Springs Transit

Address: 1015 Transit Drive

City: Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: 719-385-7433

WWW Link: http://www.springsgov.com

Comments:

City transit buses operate from 0515 to 1910 Monday through Friday with some limited late evening and Saturday services. There are numerous bus stops on Ft Carson, including one next to Army Community Service and the commissary. For routes and schedules, go to the web site above and click on transportation & transit.

Commissary and Exchange Operations

Your Commissary and Exchange benefits are available to improve your quality of life and to stretch your military paycheck. There are a variety of services available at Ft Carson. Please see the listing below for more specifics.

Name: Commissary

Address: Bldg 1525, Specker & MacDonald

City: Fort Carson, CO 80913

Phone: 719-526-5644 **DSN Phone:** 691-5644

Comments:

The newly remodeled commissary is now open 7 days a week to better serve the military population in our surrounding community.

Hours: M-F 0900-2000, SAT 0900-1930, SUN

0900-1700

Name: Exchange Mall

Address: Bldg 6110, Sheridan City: Fort Carson, CO 80913

Phone: 719-576-4000

WWW Link: http://www.aafes.com

Comments:

A brand new PX opened in the fall of 1997. In addition to the Post Exchange, the mall has a flower shop, barber and beauty shops, Video Rental, Optical Shop and other commodity concessions. A variety of fast food restaurants such as: , Anthony's Pizza, Burger King, Robinhood Taco John's and a steakery are also located in the mall.

Hours: M-SAT 0900-2100, SUN 0900-1900

For additional information contact our website.

Name: Furniture Store/Toyland/Sporting Goods

Address: Bldg 1510, Wetzel & Flint

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913

Phone: 719-527-1051

Comments:

Hours: M-SAT 1000-1800, SUN 1100-1800

Local Community

Local Community Overview

For more information on this subject: Colorado Springs information http://www.introColoradoSprings.com

Colorado Springs is the second largest city in Colorado and one of the fastest growing in the nation. Colorado Springs has everything you're looking for from outdoor activities to some of the best dining you'll experience. Colorado Springs has two malls with many different shops to meet your needs. If you're looking for outdoor activities, you've come to the right place. Colorado is known for its outdoor fun, from skiing to camping. Colorado Springs is an impressive city and a well kept secret.

Time Zone Chart

Colorado Springs is located in Mountain Standard Time Zone.

Time Zone Chart

Location	Adjustment for GMT
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern	-5
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

Climate

Climate: Colorado enjoys 300 days a year of sunshine. The semi-arid climate has mild winters and warm summers. At an altitude of 5,870 feet above

sea level, Fort Carson also enjoys low humidity which averages from 35% in the summer to 42% in the winter. The first sign of snow can be as early as September and the last sign of snow can be as late as July or August.

Climate

Month	High	Low	Humidity	Precipitation
January	41.4	16.1	35-60%	.29
February	44.6	19.3	35-60%	.40
March	50	24.6	35-60%	.94
April	59.8	33	35-60%	1.9
May	68.7	42.1	35-60%	2.15
June	79	51.1	35-60%	2.25
July	84.4	57.1	35-60%	2.90
August	81.3	55.2	35-60%	3.02
September	73.6	47.1	35-60%	1.33
October	63.5	36.3	35-60%	.84
November	50.7	24.9	35-60%	.4700
December	42.2	17.4	35-60%	.46

Events Calendar

EVENT: St. Patrick's Day Parade LOCATION: Old Colorado City

PHONE: 719-635-8803 DATE(S): Mid-March

EVENT: Territory Days Celebration LOCATION: Old Colorado City

PHONE: 719-475-0955

DATE(S): May

EVENT: Annual Springspree LOCATION: Colorado Springs

PHONE: 719-533-1216 DATE(S): June

EVENT: Colorado State Fair

LOCATION: Fairgrounds, Pueblo, Co

PHONE: 1-800-444-3247 DATE(S): August & September EVENT: Festival of Lights LOCATION: Colorado Springs PHONE: 719-338-0439

DATE(S):December

EVENT: Hot Air Balloon Classic

LOCATION: Memorial Park, Colorado Springs

PHONE: 719-471-4833

DATE(S): Labor Day Weekend

EVENT: Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration

LOCATION: Colorado Springs

PHONE: 719-597-3343 DATE(S): March

EVENT: Pikes Peak Auto Hill Climb

LOCATION: Cascade, Co PHONE: 719-685-4000

DATE(S): June

EVENT: Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

LOCATION: World Arena, Colorado Springs

PHONE: 719-635-3547

DATE: August

EVENT: Colorado Renaissance Festival LOCATION: I-25, Exit 172, Larkspur, CO

PHONE: 303-688-6010 DATE(S): June & July

EVENT: Veteran's Parade

LOCATION: Downtown, Colorado Springs

PHONE: 719-635-8803 DATE(S): November

Cultural Attractions

For more information on this subject: Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau http://www.coloradosprings-travel.com

NAME: Third Cavalry Museum

ADDRESS: Bldg 2160 on Barkeley Ave

CITY: Fort Carson

COMMENTS: The main gallery of the museum features the history of the Regiment. A theater presents films and a slide presentation. A temporary gallery offers changing exhibits like arts or special traveling exhibits. There is also an armored vehicle park where there are examples of vehicles used during war.

NAME: World Arena Ice Hall & Word Arena

ADDRESS: 3205 Venetucci Blvd

CITY: Colorado Springs

COMMENTS: Completed and opened in January 1998, the \$46.5 million World Arena Complex boasts an 8,500 seat capacity for hosting such events as concerts, stage shows, ice hockey, and a myriad of other special activities. The new arena is home to the Colorado College Tigers Hockey Team. This facility will host such local events as high school basketball and volleyball games and graduation ceremonies.

Sharing the property with the World Arena is the World Arena Ice Hall which features two Olympic size sheets of ice. These ice sheets are open daily and feature times for public skating, skating camps, figure and hockey skating lessons, collegiate championships figure skating competition, college and youth hockey tournaments, wheelchair sled hockey training, and Olympic team training, to name a few.

NAME: Fine Arts Center ADDRESS: 30 W Dale St CITY: Colorado Springs

COMMENTS: The Fine Arts Center houses general galleries, The Taylor Museum, and a 450 seat theater. The Taylor Museum maintains a collection of Indian and Hispanic Art.

NAME: Royal Gorge Bridge ADDRESS: US Hwy 50 CITY: Canon City

COMMENTS: 50 miles from Fort Carson is the Royal Gorge. Royal Gorge is spanned by the world's highest suspension bridge which hangs 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River. An incline railway takes passengers to the bottom of the canyon, and an aerial tram spans the canyon.

NAME: Cave of the Winds ADDRESS: Hwv 24 West CITY: Manitou Springs

COMMENTS: Located six miles west of Colorado Springs off Hwy 24. This mile long cavern is open year round. Guided tours provide views of the intricate stalactite and stalagmite formations.

NAME: Old Colorado City

ADDRESS: 2400-2700 W Colorado Ave

CITY: Colorado Springs

COMMENTS: A national historic district, the first building was erected between 1858-1859. Colorado City is now the home of many specialty shops and galleries.

NAME: Cheyenne Mountain Zoo & Will Rogers

Shrine

ADDRESS: 4250 Chevenne Mountain Zoo Rd.

CITY: Colorado Springs

COMMENTS: Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is the only Mountain Zoo in the U.S. Home to hundreds of exotic animals, the facility is open year round. Zoo admission includes access to the Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun on Cheyenne Mountain. You will enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of Colorado Springs from the scenic highway and from the shrine.

NAME: Garden of the Gods Park ADDRESS: 1805 N 30th St. CITY: Colorado Springs

COMMENTS: Garden of the Gods was dedicated in 1909 and is a free city park. An abundance of plant and animal life can be found throughout its 1,350 acres, as well as the magnificent red sandstone rock formations. Many of these rock formations are over 300 years old and were sculpted through time by the powers of wind and water.

NAME: Pikes Peak Highway ADDRESS: Hwy 24 W

CITY: Cascade

COMMENTS: Pikes Peak Highway is a toll road to the summit of Pikes Peak that begins at Cascade. Open May-October, the Pikes Peak Highway is the site of the annual 4th of July Pikes Peak Hill Climb which draws top auto racers from all over the world.

Recreation Opportunities

NAME: Ironhorse Memorial Park ADDRESS: Bldg 1909 Ft. Carson PHONE: (719)526-2348 DSN691-2348

HOURS: M-F 1200-1930 SA/SU/HOL 1100-1860 COMMENTS: Equipment checkout center open 1 May thru 31 Oct. Located in northwest corner of Ironhorse Park, corner of Sheridan and Prussman. Park offers picnic areas, volleyball and basketball courts, miniature golf, batting cages, baseball or softball fields, a go-kart track, and other family activities.

NAME: Turkey Creek Recreation Area ADDRESS: Hwy 115 South Ft. Carson PHONE: (719)526-3905 DSN691-3905 HOURS: Winter - W-SU 0730-1700

Summer - W-F 1000-2100 SAT/SUN/HOL 0730-2100

COMMENTS: Turkey Creek Recreation Area, located approximately 11 miles south of Ft. Carson, was once the luxurious retreat of the Spence Penrose family. The Penrose ranch house was constructed in 1912-1913. TCRA was acquired by the U.S. Army in 1965 and offers the Ft. Carson military community a wooded grassland park area for a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The old Penrose ranch house is now a retreat center, and is available for unit activities and parties. There is a wide variety of outdoor activities to include horseback rides, hayrides, trail rides (day and night), stagecoach rides, and chuck wagon dinners. There are picnic sites with playgrounds and volleyball courts.

NAME: Outdoor Recreation Complex ADDRESS: Bldg 2429, Specker Ave, Fort Carson PHONE: (719)526-2083 DSN691-2083 HOURS: 1000-1730 daily Holidays 1000-1600 COMMENTS: Complex includes outdoor recreation information center, retail sporting goods, two classrooms, 32' indoor climbing wall, alpine tower challenge course, Outdoor Recreation Admin Offices, and an equipment facility which rents summer and winter recreation equipment.

Outdoor High Adventure Programs offered at this complex are classes on outdoor skills and high adventure programs(i.e., white water rafting, canoe

trips, big game hunts, horseback trips, fly fishing, cross country skiing, etc.)

NAME: Information, Tour, and Travel

ADDRESS: Bldg 2429, Specker Ave, Fort Carson

PHONE: (719)526-5366 DSN691-5366

HOURS: M-F 0900-1800 SA 0900-1300 Closed

Sun/Hol

COMMENTS: Offers discount tickets to attractions and sporting events, tour planning, single soldier special trips, etc. Features discount lift tickets in winter and major league baseball, basketball, hockey and football tickets in season. Tickets are available at this office or the Outdoor Recreation Complex. Discount tickets to out-of-state attractions including Walt Disney World and Disneyland, etc.

NAME: Air Force Academy Visitor Center ADDRESS: I-25 Exits 150-B and 156-B

PHONE: (719)333-8723 HOURS: M-S 0900-1700

COMMENTS: Located just north of Colorado Springs, the United States Air Force Academy is an impressive site and a major tourist attraction. The Visitor Center houses displays, a cafeteria, a gift shop, and a theater that projects a 14-minute movie every I/2 hour about the academy. Other activities or sights at USAFA include self-guided tours, the Cadet Chapel, The Planetarium, and AFA sporting events.

Shopping

Colorado Springs is a great place to shop with two major malls, approximately 28 shopping centers, and 176 smaller centers. Most of the major national retailers and franchise chains are located in this area.

A great place to shop on base is the Thrift Store. Located in Bldg 1008, this is a great place to get the best bargain.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

All questions regarding social services should be directed to the agencies below.

NAME: Fort Carson Social Work Services ADDRESS: Bldg 7500, Fort Carson PHONE: (719) 526-5050/4585

DSN: 691-5050/4585 HOURS: M-F 0730-1630

NAME: Family Advocacy Program, Army

Community Service

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

NAME: Financial Readiness Program, Army

Community Service

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Our Financial Readiness team also conducts prescreenings for Food Stamps, Women Infant & Children (WIC), and other assistance programs.

NAME: El Paso County Social Services

ADDRESS: 105 N Spruce St, Colorado Springs

PHONE: (719) 636-0000 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

NAME: United Way

ADDRESS: 3 S Tejon, Suite 300

PHONE: (719)632-1543 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

NAME: Pikes Peak Region Combined Federal

Campaign

ADDRESS: Bldg 1217, Corner of Specker & Ellis

PHONE: (719)526-0404 HOURS: M-F 0730-1615

NAME: Army Emergency Relief

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719)526-4590 HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

COMMENTS: On call 24 hours, dial (719)526-3400

NAME: American Red Cross

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719)526-2311 HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Religious Activities

In Colorado Springs there are over 500 places of worship. Check the yellow pages of your phone book upon arrival. For special events and happenings check Fort Carson's weekly paper the Mountaineer and the "GO" in Friday's edition of the Gazette Telegraph. For more information contact the Installation Chaplain's office listed below.

ADDRESS: Suite 2150, Bldg 1550, Specker Ave

PHONE: (719) 526-5279

DSN: 691-5279

Community Transportation

The airlines serving Colorado Springs are Allegiant Air, America West, American, Champion Air, Continental, Delta, Great Plains, Mesa, Northwest, Skywest-Delta Connections, and United Airlines.

Name: Colorado Department of Transportation

WWW Link: http://www.dot.state.co.us/

Name: Colorado Springs Airport
Address: 7770 Drennan Rd
City: Colorado Springs, CO 80916
Phone: 719-550-1900
WWW Link: http://www.flyCOS.com
Proximity to site: 8 miles

Name: Colorado Springs Transit
Address: 1015 Transit Drive
City: Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Phone: 719-475-9733
WWW Link: http://www.springsgov.com
Proximity to site: 7 miles

Education

Education Overview

For more information on this subject: Colorado Springs School Districts & college links http://www.cde.state.co.us

Colorado Springs offers excellent educational opportunities for children, youth and adults. Three elementary schools and a middle school are located on post. High school students living on post are bused to nearby Fountain-Fort Carson High School.

Students living off post attend one of more than 150 public elementary, middle and high schools in the Colorado Springs area. These schools are supervised by the Colorado State Board of Education and administered by 10 school districts, each with its own elected school board. Each district sets its own enrollment criteria; however, most admit kindergarten children who are five years old on or before September 15. New students must provide proof of immunizations (DPT, polio, measles, rubella and mumps), birth certificate, previous school transcripts, and proof of residency.

Colorado Springs is also home to several private and charter schools and accredited higher education institutions. For school listings and information, stop by The Family Connection, located in the Friendship House on Barkley Avinue (Building 1354). The Family Connection is open Monday - Friday, 0800to 1630.

Public and DODDS Schools

For more information on this subject: Colorado Springs education information http://www.springsgov.com/

There are 101 elementary schools, 27 middle schools, and 20 high schools in the greater Colorado Springs area. To register your child in any of the area public schools, you will need current shot records, birth certificate, and previous school records, if available. THERE ARE NO DODDS SCHOOLS IN THIS AREA. For important school calendar dates, go to the MUST KNOW ITEMS section. Visit the Colorado Springs web site for more detailed information on individual schools.

NAME: District 2 (Harrison) PHONE: (719) 579-2000 ENROLLMENT: 10,444

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 14.1 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 20.3

SAT VERBAL: 467 SAT MATH: 447

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 35%

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 1 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 0

District 2 requires 24 credits for graduation: 4 - English, 3 - Mathematics,

3 - Science, 3 - Social Studies, 1 - Physical Education, 2 - Practical Arts, 2 - Humanities, and 6 - Electives. A unit is the amount of credit awarded for the successful completion of a course held five days per week for at least 40 minutes daily or the equivalent amount of time throughout one school year for at least 36 weeks. District 2 offers extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 3 (Widefield) PHONE: (719) 391-3000 ENROLLMENT: 8,650

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 17.2 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 20.9

SAT VERBAL: 497 SAT MATH: 494

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 66.9%

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 1 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 0

District 3 requires 46 semester credits for graduation. A semester credit is given for successful completion of a course which meets the equivalent of five times a

week for eighteen weeks. Some courses may have required standards which also must be met. Adjustments may be made for students transferring in from other districts. Transfer students must attend a minimum of a semester at Widefield High School to receive a Widefield diploma. District 3 does not offer extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 8 (Fountain-Fort Carson)

PHONE: (719) 382-1300 ENROLLMENT: 4,657

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 14.6 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 21.1

SAT VERBAL: 564 SAT MATH: 539

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 69%

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 1 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 0

District 8 requires 26 credits for graduation: 8 semesters of English,

8 Semesters of Math, 8 Semesters of Science, 8 Semesters of Social Studies,

3 Semesters of Physical Education, 1 Semester of Health, 2 Semesters of Foreign Language, 2 Semesters of Practical Arts, 2 Semesters of Fine Arts, 10 Semesters of Electives. 1 Semester = 1/2 credit. District 8 offers an after school tutoring program.

NAME: District 11 (Colorado Springs)

PHONE: (719) 520-2000 ENROLLMENT: 32,816

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 17.3 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 21.9

SAT VERBAL: 540 SAT MATH: 540

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: N/A ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 5

CHARTER SCHOOLS: 5

44 credits are needed for graduation: 8 - English, 4 - Social Studies.

1 - Economics, 1 - Practical Arts, 1 - Computer Education, 2 - Humanities,

6 - Mathematics, 4 - Science, 1 - Health, 3 - Physical Education.

11 - Electives. District 11 offers extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 12 (Cheyenne Mountain)

PHONE: (719) 475-6100 ENROLLMENT: 3,836

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 17.6 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 24.7

SAT VERBAL: 568 SAT MATH: 572

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 92% ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 1

CHARTER SCHOOLS: 1

To earn a diploma, CMH requires 46 credits earned in grades 9 through 12. One credit is earned for each semester of a sucessfully completed course. All coursework completed for a grade in grades 9 through 12 will appear on your high school transcript and will be calculated in your grade point average. In order to participate in the graduation cermony, the required 46 credits must be satisfactorily completed one week before the date of graduation. District 12 offers extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 14 (Manitou Springs)

PHONE: (719) 685-1235 ENROLLMENT: 1,399

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 13.3 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 22.4

SAT VERBAL: 592 SAT MATH: 572

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 65%

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 0 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 0

District 14 requires 52 credits for graduation: 8 - English,6 - Math, 6 - Science, 2 - Social Studies (year 2000 & 2001), 4 - Social Studies (Year 2002), 1 - American Government, 2 - American History, 1 - Economics, 1 - Physical Education, 1 - Health, 4 - Fine Arts/Practical Arts, 20 - Electives. District 14 does not offer extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 20 (Academy) PHONE: (719) 598-2566 ENROLLMENT: 15.917

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 14.6 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 23.1

SAT VERBAL: 540 SAT MATH: 549

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 85.7%

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 1 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 1

District 20 requires 48 credits for graduation: 8 - English, 6 - Science,

1 - Health, 6 - Math, 6 - Social Science, 3 - Physical Education, 1 Arts.

6 Core Electives, 11 - Electives. District 20 offers extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 38 (Lewis-Palmer)

PHONE: (719) 488-4700 ENROLLMENT: 4,000

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 16.3 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 24.5

SAT VERBAL: 551 SAT MATH: 561

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 83%

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 0

CHARTER SCHOOLS: 1

District 38 requires 23 credits for graduation. For a breakdown of these credits, please call the administration office. District 38 offers extended day care facilities.

NAME: District 49 (Falcon) PHONE: (719) 495-3601 ENROLLMENT: 5,030

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 16.3 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 22.2

SAT VERBAL: 554 SAT MATH: 535

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 65% ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 0 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 0

District 49 requires 25.5 credits for graduation: 4 - English, 3.5 - Social Studies, 3 - Science, 3 - Mathematics, 1 - Practical Arts or Foreign Language, 1 - Fine Arts, 1 - Physical Education, 0.5 Health, 8.5 - Electives. District 49 offers extended day care facilities. The Falcon School District is a year-round program.

NAME: District RE-2 (Woodland Park)

PHONE: (719) 687-6048 ENROLLMENT: 3,238

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO: 17.6 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE: 21.6

SAT VERBAL: 510 SAT MATH: 493

%CONTINUING EDUCATION: 72% ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 0 CHARTER SCHOOLS: 0

District RE-2 offers a Discover Program for children. For more information call the Discover Office at (719)686-2316. For graduation requirements, please call the administration office.

Name: District 11 (Colorado Springs)

WWW Link: http://www.cssd11.k12.co.us

Name: District 12 (Chevenne Mountain)

WWW Link: http://www.cmsd.k12.co.us

Name: District 14 (Manitou Springs)

WWW Link: http://www.mssd14.k12.co.us/

Name: District 2 (Harrison)

WWW Link: http://www.harrison.k12.co.us/

Name: District 20 (Academy)

WWW Link: http://www.d20.co.edu/

Name: District 3 (Widefield)

WWW Link: http://www.wsd3.k12.co.us

Name: District 38 (Lewis-Palmer)

WWW Link: http://www.lpsd.k12.co.us/

Name: District 49 (Falcon) WWW Link: http://d49.org/

Name: District 8 (Fountain-Fort Carson)

WWW Link:

http://www.ffc8.org/Dist/Dist Frame.htm

Name: Woodland Park RE-2

WWW Link: http://www.wpsdk12.org/

Private Schools

For more information on this subject: Private schools in the Colorado Springs area http://www.coloradosprings.com/cultredu/schools.htm

If you prefer to enroll your child in a private school, there are a large number of secular and non-secular schools from which to choose. Detailed information on each of these schools is available on the Colorado Springs web site. If you don't have access to the internet, ask the Relocation Readiness team at your current installation for their assistance; or contact our Relocation Readiness team at DSN 691-4590; commercial (719) 526-4590.

Colleges and Universities

There are numerous colleges and universities in the Colorado Springs area. Under Colorado law, soldiers and family members assigned at Fort Carson can attend State institutions at resident rates. Both undergraduate and graduate level programs are available. Contact the Army Education Center for more information.

NAME: Education Center PHONE: (719) 526-2124 DSN: 691-2124

HOURS: M-F 0700-1645

Following is a partial listing of colleges and

universities.

Name: Colorado Technical University

Address: 4435 N Chestnut

City: Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Phone: 719-598-0200

WWW Link: http://www.colotechu.edu

Comments:

CTU offers a variety of high tech associate, baccalaureate, master and doctorate programs in engineering, computers, technology, management and logistics. Average enrollment is 1800.

Name: Pikes Peak Community College

Address: 5675 S Academy Blvd

City: Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Phone: 719-576-7711 or 1-800-456-6847

WWW Link: http://www.ppcc.cccoes.edu

Comments:

Pikes Peak Community College offers a full range of certificate and associate degree programs in technical, vocational, pre-professional, and college transfer programs. When a military member is enrolled at Pikes Peak Community College, that member's spouse may enroll in classes for one-half the cost of tuition. Average enrollment is 7,400.

Name: Regis University

Address: 7450 Campus Dr.

City: Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Phone: 719-264-7000 or 800-831-3258

WWW Link: http://www.regis.edu

Comments:

A variety of baccalaureate programs are offered including business administration, accounting, computer science, and computer information systems. A Master's degree in Business Administration is also offered. Emrollment is 1.345.

Name: University of Colorado, Colo Spgs

Address: 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy City: Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Phone: 719-262-3000 or 1-800-990-UCCS

WWW Link: http://www.uccs.edu

Comments:

UCCS offers baccalaureate programs in 22 areas including electrical engineering, computer science, business administration, and education. There are Master's degree programs in ll fields. Enrollment is Name: University of Southern Colorado, Colo

Sprgs

Address: Bldg 1141

City: Peterson Air Force Base, CO 80914

Phone: 719-574-3312

WWW Link: http://www.uscolo.edu/coned

Comments:

This is the Colorado Springs extension of USC offering baccalaureate programs in business administration, management, social work, and social science with classes held at Peterson AFB and Sabin Jr. High School. This office also provides access to graduate level programs offered by Colorado State University via video tape.

Adult or Continuing Education

There are many Colleges in the Colorado Springs area. Please check with the Education Center on post for specifics.

Name: Adult Education Center

Address: 917 E Moreno St

City: Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: 719-630-0172

Comments:

Center provides English as a Second Language classes, GED preparation, and testing services.

Name: Ft. Carson Education Center

Address: Bldg 1117, Specker & Ellis

City: Ft. Carson, CO 80913

Phone: 719-526-2124 **DSN Phone:** 691-2124

Name: Pikes Peak Community College

Address: 5675 S Academy Blvd City: Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Phone: 719-540-7722

Name: Right to Read

Address: Penrose Public Library
City: Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: 719-574-6170

Comments:

The Right to Read Program offers free help to adults who want to learn to read or improve their reading skills. Trained volunteer tutors work with

students on a one-to-one basis.

Special Education

Relocating to a new community is always a challenge, but for those families who have children

with special needs, being prepared and organized becomes even more crucial. All school districts provide a free education to all handicapped or special need children, ages 3 to 21. Federal Public Law 94-142 requires public schools to provide handicapped youth with equal education access and in the least restrictive environment. The large school districts house their own Special Education departments that provide a full range of special education services including programs for the orthopedically, neurologically, visually, aurally, speech, and handicapped, educationally the emotionally disturbed, and the developmentally retarded. School districts with enrollments of 4,000 students or less contract with the Pikes Peak Board of Cooperative Services to provide the same services. By state law, all districts also provide special education services to pre-school students.

Exceptional Family Member Program: Resource information, assistance in dealing with education plans, liaison with medical service providers, and education for parents of children with special needs.

NAME: Army Community Service, Exceptional

Family Member Program (EFMP)

POC: Susan Moyer

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

CITY: Fort Carson, 80913 PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

The Child Development Center of Colorado Springs: All ages accepted - primary focus is children birth to age 6. Infant and developmental stimulation; physical and occupational therapy; speech pathology; audiology; family counseling, social work services, pediatrics; neurology, TRICARE is accepted, 20 minutes fro0m Fort Carson.

NAME: The Child Development Center of CS

ADDRESS: 3090 N Academy PHONE: (719) 574-8300 HOURS: M-F 0800-1800

Colorado School for The Deaf and Blind: Services available to deaf and/or blind children under age 21. Academic, prevocational, physical, social, and emotional development of education; early intervention program. Limited handicap access, 15 minutes from Fort Carson.

NAME: Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind

ADDRESS: 33 N Institute PHONE: (719) 578-2100

HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Developmental Pediatrics: Special needs children from birth to age 16 with special focus on premature infants. Physical, occupational, and speech therapy; therapy pool; therapeutic ski program; and home visits. TRICARE accepted, 15 minutes from Fort Carson.

NAME: Developmental Pediatrics

ADDRESS: 2210 Lelaray PHONE: (719) 475-0477 HOURS: M-F 0830-1730

Goodwill Industries: Serves disabled persons age 16 and older. Vocational counseling, training, and placement of disabled; sheltered workshop rehabilitation program.

NAME: Goodwill Industries ADDRESS: 2320 W Colorado Ave

PHONE: (719) 444-5000 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Head Start: Provides learning experiences to aid age appropriate development. Ninety percent of families must meet Federal poverty guidelines.

NAME: Head Start of El Paso County

ADDRESS: 2132 E Bijou PHONE: (719) 635-1536 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Otis Park Community Center: Leisure and recreational facilities for general and special needs population focusing on ages 5 thru 15. Special summer recreation programs offered.

NAME: Otis Park Community Center ADDRESS: 731 N Iowa, Fountain

PHONE: (719) 578-6993 HOURS: M-F 0630-1730

Parent Education and Assistance for Kids: Offers professionals in education and related fields to parents and families of children with handicapping conditions. Independent agency providing parents with information and skills to obtain increased and improved services for their children. Resources, publications, workshops, problem solving, and training available. No fee; available to military; 25 minutes from Fort Carson.

NAME: Parent Education and Assistance for Kids

ADDRESS: 6055 Lehman Dr, Suite 101

PHONE: (719) 531-9400

HOURS: M-F 0800-1630

Resouce Exchange: Serves all developmentally disabled with delays of at least 20% in two or more areas. Infant stimulation, preschool, adult vocational education, residential treatment, transportation, and case management. There is a waiting list for services. Located 20 minutes from Fort Carson.

NAME: Resource Exchange ADDRESS: 2375 N Academy PHONE: (719) 380-1100 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Cleo Wallace Center: Expertise in boys and girls age 4 thru 12 with severe emotional problems; girls age 11 thru 18 with emotional problems. Intensive residential treatment for children; group care services for adolescent girls; day treatment for children ages 5 thru 12. No fee, available to military, 5 minutes from Fort Carson.

NAME: Cleo Wallace Center ADDRESS: 2525 Highway 115 S

PHONE: (719) 527-4446 HOURS: 0800-1800

Employment

Employment Overview

For more information on this subject: Gazette newspaper-hosted site http://www.coloradoSprings.com

There is a rapidly changing employment environment in Colorado Springs. For specific information, contact Army Community Service Employment Readiness at (719) 526-0452/DSN 691-0452 or Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council at (719) 635-1551.

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

DoD Military Spouse Preference Program - The purpose of this program is to provide systematic referral of spouses of active duty military members of the Armed Forces, including the U. S. Coast Guard. Programs is the only means by which eligible military spouses will be offered spousal priority referral for appropriate vacancies at DoD activities within the commuting area of the duty station of the military sponsor, except for those referred on an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) certificate. The sponsor must be assigned as the result of a PCS from overseas to the United States, including U. S.

Territories or possessions; or to a different commuting area within the United States. Spouse preference is not applicable during a spouse's relocation within the Continental United States (CONUS) in a situation where the military sponsor is placed on an unaccompanied overseas tour unless orders specify a sequential assignment; nor is a PCS move in conjunction with retirement or separation of the military member.

Conditions of registration - Spouse is eligible to register provided he/she: * entered into marriage with the sponsor prior to the sponsor's reporting date into the new geographic area; * is fully qualified for positions for which registered; * furnishes a copy of PCS orders identifying the military sponsor's reporting date or supplies written evidence which verifies eligibility; * is immediately appointable to a job in the competitive service (i.e., is a current Federal employee with reassignment or transfer eligibility, has reinstatement eligibility, or eligibility under Executive Order 12721 (as amended) and meets all pre-employment criteria.

Registration continues without time restriction, however, registration can occur no earlier than 30 days before sponsor's reporting date to new location; and eligible family members with less than 6 months time remaining in the area can be nonselected for permanent continuing positions.

Contact your local civilian personnel activity 30 days prior to sponsor's reporting date to insure your readiness for job placement.

NAME: Employment Readiness POC: Mercedes Jamieson

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-0467

DSN: 691-0467

HOURS: M-F 0800-1530

AAFES application can be obtained from Employment Readiness M-F 0800 - 1615 hrs. Must be turned in at the AAFES Admin Bldg 2140 M-F 0800- 1500.

Dining facility KP applications are to be submitted directly to Applied Management and Service, Bldg 6226, (719) 576-7576

Hospital housekeeping applications are to be submitted directly Bldg 7500, (719) 526-7413 DSN 691-7413

Pacific Architects and Engineers, Bldg 6140, (719) 576-1217, the largest contractor on Fort Carson, recruits for all types of positions from data entry to technical to labor intensive. Applications must be submitted directly to PAE, Human Resources Office.

Permanent Employment Resources

For more information on this subject: Job Search http://dod.jobsearch.org

Colorado Springs has many resources for Permanent Employment.

NAME: Pikes Peak Work Force Center ADDRESS: 1259 Lake Plaza Dr. Suite 120

PHONE: (719) 667-3700 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

NAME: Forty Plus

ADDRESS: 1259 Lake Plaza Dr. Suite 120

PHONE: (719) 667-3700 HOURS: M-F 0830-1630

NAME: Pikes Peak Community College ADDRESS: 5675 S Academy, Suite A210

PHONE: (719) 579-3080

NAME: Job Assistance Center (Veterans Only)

ADDRESS: Bldg 1118, Ellis St. PHONE: (719) 667-3744

Name: Family Member Employment Assistance POC: Mercedes Jamieson

Address: 6303 Wezel St.

Bldg 1526

City: Fort Carson, CO 80913-4104

Phone: (719) 526-4590 **DSN Phone:** 691-4590

Temporary Employment Resources

There are many temporary employment services in the Colorado Springs area. Please contact Employment Readiness for additional information, at (719) 526-0452/DSN 691-0452.

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer positions on Ft Carson. Please check with the Installation Volunteer Coordinator, Family Readiness Center for more details.

Name: American Red Cross
Address: 6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526
Phone: 719-526-2311

Name: Family Readiness Center
Address: 6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526
Phone: 719-526-4590

Chambers of Commerce

Name: Black Chamber of Commerce
Address: 5525 N Union
City: Colorado Springs, CO
Phone: 719-260-9535

Name: Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
Address: 2 N Cascade, Suite 110
City: Colorado Springs, CO
Phone: 719-635-1551

Name: Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau

Address: 104 S Cascade, Suite 104

City: Colorado Springs, CO

Phone: 719-635-1632

Name: Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Address: 15 S Weber
City: Colorado Springs, CO
Phone: 719-635-5001

Name: Korean Chamber of Commerce
Address: 3847 E Pikes Peak, Suite D
City: Colorado Springs, CO
Phone: 719-550-1411

Private Sector Employment

Contact the Family Member Employment Assistance office at Army Community Service at (719) 526-4590/DSN 691-4590 for current information.

Government Employment

All questions concerning Government Employment should be directed at the agencies below.

NAME: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center ADDRESS: 1450 Specker Bldg 1550 Room 2080

PHONE: (719) 526-8341 DSN: 691-8341, HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

NAME: Office of Personnel Management

ADDRESS: 12345 Alameda Way

CITY: Denver, CO PHONE: (303) 969-7036 HOURS: M-F 0800-1630

NAME: Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF)

POC: Debra Phillips

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4445

DSN: 691-4445

HOURS: M-F 0730 -1615

NAME: State Employment Office ADDRESS: 1259 Lake Plaza Dr. PHONE: 1-800-338-5515 HOURS: M-F 0800-1600

Also provides information on employment with the Departments of Labor, Forestry, and Fish and Game.

NAME: El Paso County Employment Office

ADDRESS: 105 E Vermijo, Suite 103

PHONE: (719) 520-7401 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Name: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Address: Bldg 1550 Specker St. (Room 2080)

Phone: (719) 526-8341 **DSN Phone:** 691-8341

Comments:

Hours: M-F 0730-1550

Professional or Occupational Licensing

Call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) for additional information on this topic at (719) 526-4590.

Networking Opportunities

Networking opportunities are done through people you know (relatives, friends, and acquaintances). Don't forget to contact the people you know from long ago. Also have your resume and SF 171 or OP612 finished before arriving so you can start the job hunt right away. Please review RELOCATION SERVICES AND SURVIVAL TIPS FOR FIRST TIMERS in this booklet. These categories have several tips for moving and employment.

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview

For more information on this subject: Triwest-Medical (Tricare) http://www.triwest.com

by visiting local Uniform

Evans Army Community Hospital, a modern design building located on a small hill south of the Cheyenne Village family housing area, is comprised of three buildings filled with state-of-the-art equipment and staff that offer a variety of services. The five story main hospital has 195 bed capacity. The two-story clinic building consist of 400 examination and treatment rooms. A commons area connects the main building and the clinics.

TRICARE is the health care program for military families and retirees. This DOD Medical Program provides beneficiaries with the best possible health care as well as decreasing health care costs. If you are on active duty, you are automatically enrolled in TRICARE prime and will receive your medical care from the Military Treatment Facility (MTF). If you are a family member of an active duty or a retired military person, a retiree, or a retiree's survivor and enrolled in the DEERS system, you are eligible for any TRICARE plans. If you are a medicare-eligible retiree, family member of survivor, government regulations do not allow you to enroll in the basic TRICARE plans. However, there are features of the program designed with you in mind. You may use the MTF for your health care needs when space is available. You may also be eligible for TRICARE Senior Prime. Please call (719)266-7000 or 1-800-371-4689 for more information. If you are already enrolled in TRICARE, you will have to reenroll here at Fort Carson. There is an annual enrollment fee involved with enrollment into the TRICARE PRIME program for retirees and their families which is \$230.00 for an individual and \$460.00 for a family. There is no fee for annual enrollment into TRICARE PRIME for active duty and their family members. There are no annual deductibles applied to outpatient services for active duty retirees and their family members. There may be other fees involved with TRICARE PRIME. For specifics please call (719) 254-5000. For TRICARE EXTRA and TRICARE STANDARD specifics, please call the number above. TRICARE in the Pikes Peak (TRIWEST)came into service in April of 1997. For more information please contact (719) 264-5000 or 1-888-TRI-WEST.

The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP), which was formerly the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) In the TFMDP, sponsors enrolled their family members through their local uniformed services personnel offices by completing a DD Form 2494 or 2494-1. In the TSRDP, members enrolled directly through the contractor, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. Under the TDP, United Concordia will directly administer all enrollments. Individuals currently enrolled in the TFMDP or TSRDP will be automatically transferred to the TDP on February 1, 2001. Acitive duty sponsors of family members not currently enrolled in the TFMDP and who desired dental coverage prior to February 1, 2001, should have completed an enrollment appllication(DD Form 2494 or 2494-1) at their supporting personnel service center by November 17, 2000. After November 17, 2000, the uniformed services personnel offices will no longer accept new applications-thus, **TFMDP** enrollment enrollment in TFMDP terminated November 17, 2000. Likewise, new enrollment in the TSRDP terminated on November 17, 2000.

Starting November 18, 2000, all enrollment applications will be for the TDP only and must be submitted directly to United Concordia.

In order to receive TDP coverage at the start-up of the program on February 1, 2001, new enrollments must be received by United Concordia by January 20, 2001. After February 1, 2001, TDP enrollment applications must be received by United Concordia by the twentieth (20th) of the month for coverage to begin on the first day of the next month. Due to processing requirements, applications received after the twentieth (20th) day of the month may result in coverage not becoming effective until the first (1st) day of the second (2nd) month.

Sponsors can enroll family members by completion a TDP enrollment form. Enrollment forms are available by calling UCCI at 1-888-622-2256, downloading the form from the UCCI website (located in the overview web address)or by visiting alocal Uniformed Service personnel ofice, dental treatment facility, or Health Benefits Advisor/installation contact.

Enrollnemt in the TDP does not require a payroll account however. all enrollment applications must be accompanied by one month's premium payment. Subsequent premiums will be paid through either payroll allotment or deduction, or in certain cases, by direct billing.

The TDP premiums vary depending on the number enrolled and the type of plan. Also, it, is a comprehensive and affordable dental program available to: 1) family members of an active duty Uniformed Service individual. Selected Reserve or Individual. Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). This includes children under the age of twenty-one (21), or children up to age twenty-three (23) ifenrolled full time in an accredited college or university; 2). A member of the Selected Reserve or IRR; or 3) a Reservist ordered to active duty for more than thirty (30) days, but less than twelve (12) months (other than training) in support of certain specific contingency operations.

Enrollment is voluntary, continuous and portable worldwide. Enrollment requires at least a twelve (12) month service commitment (active duty, reserve or combination of the two). The contractor will validate the intent of the service members who intend to continue their service commitment with their parent Service for at least twelve (12) months, when the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) indicates they have less than twelve (12) months remaining, Beneficiaries enrolled in the TFMDP and TSRDP when TDP coverage begins, must complete their respective two (2) and one (1) year enrollment periods established under ghose superseded plans except if one of the conditions for valid disenrollment applies. Members who live in CONUS (within the Continental U.S.) and who are transferred to OCONUS (outside the Continental U.S.) do not have to re-enroll in the TDP-enrollment is continuous.

All eligible family members of a sponsor must be enrolled if any one of them is enrolled. Exceptions to this enrollment requirement include: 1) children ages one (1) to three (3) may be voluntarily enrolled and, 2) a sponsor may elect to enroll only those eligible family members residing in one location when the member has eligible family members residing in two (2) or more geographically separate locations. Eligibility for the TDP is continuous in situations where the sponsor or member changes status between any of the eligible categories and there is no break in service or transfer to a non-eligible status.

The TDP premiums for the first two option years will be lower than for the fifth option pweiod premium for the TFMDP. Under the fifth option period for the TFMDP (8/00-1-01), the premium payment for single enrollment is \$7.88 and for family enrollment, \$19.70. Under the TDP, for the premium sharing plan, the monthly premium for single enrollment is \$7.63 and for family enrollment, \$19.08 (2/01-1/02).

For the full premium plan, the monthly premium for single enrollment is \$19.08 and for family enrollment, \$47.69 (2/10-1/02).

Premium payments are deducted from the sponsor's payroll account however, if there is no payroll account or insufficient funds in the account, the contractor will directly bill the sponsor. Once the contractor direct bills, this will continue until disenrollment or until the end of the contract. IRR members and family members of the Irr and Selected Reserve are always direcg billed for premiums.

The TDP increases the annual and lifetime maximums. The TFMDP annual maximum for general dentistry is \$1,000 per year. Under the TDP, the annual maximum has been increased to \$1,200 and certain preventive/diagnostic services will not count against the enrollee's annual maximum. The TFMDP lifetime orthodontic maximum is \$1,200 and is increased to \$1,500 per lifetime under the TDP. There is no deductible under the TDP.

The TDP has an enhanced benefit package that builds on the TFMDP benefit package and is uniform and portable worldwide. Some of the enhancements include general anesthesia, intravenous sedation, occlusal guards, athletic mouthpieces, akkitional oral evaluation per year, pulp vitality tests, sealants raised to age eighteen (18), orthodontic coverage for spouses, Selected Reserve and IRR members up to age twenty-three (23), and porcelain veneers and bleaching of discolorization on anterior teeth. Additionally, cost shares for some services have been reduced for grades E1 to E4 to encourage utilization of the benefit. Also, the one-year survivor benefit extends to the Selected Reserve and IRR family members.

For general information on the TRICARE Dental Program, call United Concordia at 1-800-866-8499, or visit their website located in the overview web site above. For enrollment information, call 1-888-622-2256.

January

-Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is Administered by United Concordia Companies, Inc. in Camp Hill Pennsylvania. It is a voluntary comprehensive dental plan available to family members of all active duty Uniformed Services Personnel. When active duty member enrolls family members in the TFMDP, a monthly premium is paid through payroll deduction. The cost is \$19.09 for a family, and it is \$7.64 to cover one family member. You must complete the form DD2494 or 2494-1 and return it to your PAC for enrollment. The plan has

cost shares, maximums, and limitations similar to typical civilian group dental plans. The amount covered by plan ranges from 100 percent to 50 percent, depending on the type of service. Family members must receive dental services in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands.

Detailed TFMDP coverage and enrollment information are contained in the TFMDP Benefit Booklet. Sponsors and family members may call United Concordia's toll free Customer Service Department at 1-800-866-8499 (or 1-800-891-1854 for the Hearing Impaired) Monday -Friday from 0800-2000 EST. Information about benefits and participating providers is also available on United Concordia's website.

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

The main hospital operator's number is (719) 526-7000 DSN 691-7000. They will be able to direct you to where you need to get your questions answered.

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

TRICARE was implemented in April of 1997. Registration information can be obtained through this office. See the MEDICAL AND DENTAL OVERVIEW section for more information or call 1-888-TRI-WEST.

NAME: Health Benefits (Champus/Tricare)Advisor/Tricare Service Center

ADDRESS: EVANS, RM 1309 PHONE: (719) 264-5000

DSN: 691-5000

HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

NAME: Patient Representative ADDRESS: Evans, RM 1301 PHONE: (719) 526-7225

DSN: 691-7225

HOURS: M-F 0730-1615

NAME: Public Health & Safety Department

ADDRESS: Bldg 7500, EVANS

PHONE: (719) 526-3962

DSN: 691-3962

HOURS: M-F 0730-1630

NAME: Community Health Service ADDRESS: Bldg 6255, Mekong

PHONE: (719) 526-4340

DSN: 691-4340

HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

NAME: Communicable Disease Service

ADDRESS: Bldg 6255, Mekong

PHONE: (719) 526-2267 DSN: 691-2267

HOURS: 0730-1600

There is also a office in EVANS, call 526-7922/DSN

691-7922.

NAME: Occupational Health ADDRESS: Bldg 6255, Mekong

PHONE: (719) 526-2939

DSN: 691-2939

HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

NAME: Environmental Health ADDRESS: Bldg 6255, Mekong

PHONE: (719) 526-3702

DSN: 691-3702

HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

NAME: Health Promotion Center ADDRESS: Bldg 6255, Mekong

PHONE: (719) 526-6407

DSN: 691-6407 HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

This counseling center has counseling available for drug and alcohol addiction and coordinates the

tobacco cessation classes.

NAME: Community Counseling Center ADDRESS: Bldg 1217, Evans & Specker

PHONE: (719) 526-2862

DSN: 691-2862

HOURS: M-F 0730-1615

This a community efforts that promotes the multidisciplinary view of health: body, mind, and spirit. Wellness and preventive medicine are

paramount to force protection.

NAME: Mountain Post Wellness Center ADDRESS: 1500 Wetzel Bldg 1526, 2nd floor

PHONE: (719) 526-3887

DSN: 691-3887

HOURS: M-Th 0600-2030, F 0600-1630

Community Hospitals

There are several major hospitals in the area. For more information contact the numbers below.

NAME: Penrose Community Hospital

ADDRESS: 3205 N Academy PHONE: (719) 776-3000

DISTANCE/LOCATION: 9 miles N on Academy

NAME: Penrose Main Hospital ADDRESS: 2215 N Cascade PHONE: (719) 776-5000

DISTANCE/LOCATION: 7 miles N on Hwy 115

NAME: Memorial Hospital ADDRESS: 1400 E Boulder PHONE: (719) 365-5000

DISTANCE/LOCATION: 7 miles N on Hwy 115

NAME: St. Francis Hospital ADDRESS: 825 E Pikes Peak PHONE: (719) 776-8800

DISTANCE/LOCATION: 7 miles N on Academy

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

For more information concerning TRICARE-Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan contact Health Benefits Advisor at (719) 526-7260/DSN 691-7260.

Dental Emergency 526-7100 DSN 691-7100

Dentac Commander 526-2006 DSN 691-2006

NAME: Smith Dental Clinic

ADDRESS: Bldg 1855 Magrath & Hogan

PHONE: (719) 526-5400

DSN: 691-5400

NAME: Dental Clinic #1 ADDRESS: Bldg 2356 Quinn St PHONE: (719) 526-2200

DSN: 691-2200

NAME: Larson Dental Clinic

ADDRESS: Bldg 1227 Wetzel & Evans

PHONE: (719) 526-3330

DSN: 691-3330

NAME: Hospital Dental Clinic ADDRESS: Bldg 7500, EVANS

PHONE: (719) 526-7100

DSN: 691-7100

Family Member Dental Plan

For more information on this subject: http://www.ucci.com

The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is a comprehensive and affordable dental

plan available to eligible spouses and children of active duty Uniformed Service members. TFMDP has cost shares, benefit maximums and coverage limitations similar to typical group dental To be eligible for TFMDP insurance plans. enrollment, sponsors must intend to remain on active duty for at least 24 months and this commitment must be confirmed by their parent Uniformed Service. Enrollment and/or changes to enrollment can be accomplished by filling out a DD Form 2494 or 2494-1 at the sponsor's servicing personnel office. Please read forms carefully as they provide detailed information on enrollment options, limitations and when TFMDP coverage begins. Upon enrollment, the sponsor must pay the monthly premium through their Uniformed Services payroll account - the Government pays 60% of monthly premiums. Before providing care to family members, some dental providers may ask to see a copy of the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement showing the dental plan payroll deduction. Coverage is worldwide and portable between assignments. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) administers the TFMDP. Detailed TFMDP coverage and enrollment information can be found in the TFMDP benefit booklet. For more information about the program. visit UCCI's web site or contact them at 1-800-866-8499 for information on the TFMDP in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, or 1-717-975-5017 (toll call) for information on the TFMDP in all other locations. In overseas locations, enrolled sponsors and family members must contact their servicing overseas dental treatment facility and/or Overseas Lead Agent before seeking treatment from host-nation dental providers. except for emergency care.

Name: TFMDP Custmer Service

POC: United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI)

Addresses: For the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands: United Concordia Companies, Inc. TFMDP Customer Service PO Box 898218 Camp Hill, PA 17089-8218 All other locations: United Concordia Companies,

Inc. TFMDP OCONUS Dental Unit

PO Box 898238 Camp Hill, PA 17089-8238

Phone Numbers: CONUS (1-800-866-8499);

OCONUS (1-717-975-5017 toll call)

Web Address can be found in the web overview.

For more information about the TFMDP, contact your Health Benefits Advisor or in overseas locations, your servicing overseas dental treatment facility or Overseas Lead Agent point of contact. Customer Service can also help sponsors, family members, installation staff and dental providers with specifics about the "TFMDP."

Housing

Housing Overview

E-1 and up are eligible for on-post housing. No applications are taken prior to arrival. There is an extended waiting period from 12 to 18 months for on-post housing. Housing availability in the local community is also extremely limited with an average vacancy rate of 5 percent for rental apartments, townhouses, and homes. There are homes available for purchase in most price ranges from \$110,000 and up. Check with the transportation office for availability of storage in this area before shipping household goods. Fort Carson has privitized government housing. For updated information, call 719-226-2268.

CHIP (Community Housing Incentive Program)-Housing in the Colorado Springs area is expensive and difficult to find. To assist soldiers and families in this area, Fort Carson has entered into a partnership with local landlords called "CHIP". Landlords in the Colorado Springs area are providing special renting incentives to Fort Carson soldiers. Incentives being offered are: reduced or no security deposits. No application or credit check fees, etc. The CHIP manager will also assist with any landlord/tenant disputes.

The CHIP office is located in the Community Homefinding Relocation Referral Service (CHRRS) office in the Colorado Inn, Bldg 7301, Woodfill Road. The hours are M-W & F 0730-1600 & TH 1000-1600. For further information call (719) 526-5219/DSN 691-5219.

Housing Allowances

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:		
Rates and Allowances Home Page	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html	
Basic Allowance for Housing	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html	
Overseas Housing Allowance	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allooha.html	

Government Housing

Any questions concerning housing should be directed to the CHRRS Office. The CHRRS Office is located inside the Colorado Inn temporary lodging facility, Bldg 7301, on Woodfill west of Sheridan. No pets admitted in lodging facility. The Colorado Inn has 186 rooms. Listings of kennels in the area and motels and hotels that accept pets are available upon request.

NAME: CHRRS Office CITY: Fort Carson STATE: Colorado

ADDRESS: Bldg 7301, Sheridan & Woodfill

ZIP: 80913

PHONE: (719) 526-2322

DSN: 691-2322

HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

NAME: Billeting Office

ADDRESS: Bldg 7301, Sheridan & Woodfill

PHONE: (719) 526-4832

DSN: 691-4832

HOURS: 0630 - 0130 Hrs Fees: Effective Oct 2001 \$33.00 Single Room \$43.00 Famility \$53.00 DVQ

\$5.00 additional charge for occupants 16 and over. Children 15 and under stay free.

Pets are not allowed at the Colorado Inn

For personnel on orders, make reservations 60 days before arrival. For personnel not on orders, make resevations 30 days before arrival.

Check the AT A GLANCE section of the booklet. You will find the waiting list information for Fort Carson. There are no government mobile home parks on Fort Carson.

Community Housing

By a direct order of the Commanding General, all service members arriving at Fort Carson must visit the CHRRS office before entering into any rental or sales agreement.

This office works with you and your family to assist in finding housing. Apartment guides, files of rental and mobile homes in the local area are offered.

Average rental rates for the Colorado Springs area can be found by looking in the AT A GLANCE section of this booklet. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the website listed in the Must Know Items section of this booklet.

NAME: CHRRS Office CITY: Fort Carson STATE: Colorado

ADDRESS: Bldg 7301, Woodfill Rd

PHONE: (719) 526-2322

DSN: 691-2322

HOURS: M-F 0730-1600

Realtors come to Fort Carson to volunteer their time and help you understand the buying process and answer your questions. They maintain a list of homes for sale and rent. They can answer a lot of questions for you.

NAME: Volunteer Realtor Program ADDRESS: Bldg 7301, Woodfill Rd

PHONE: (719) 526-7578

DSN: 691-7578

HOURS: M-F 0800-1600

NAME: Pikes Peak Association of Realtors

ADDRESS: 430 N Tejon St, 80903

PHONE: (719) 633-7718 HOURS: M-F 0700-1730

Utilities

Average Monthly Rates: Electricity-\$ 33.00 Waste pickup-\$ 10.00 Natural Gas-\$ 35.00 Water-\$ 20.00. There are no military waiver deposit programs in this area, check local companies for information.

NAME: Colorado Springs Utilities ADDRESS: 111 S Cascade PHONE: (719) 448-4800 HOURS: M-F 0700-1700

Outbound personnel can clear Colorado Springs Utilities in Bldg 1218, Room 138.

NAME: Manitou Springs Utilities ADDRESS: 606 Manitou Ave, Manitou

PHONE: (719) 685-5481 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

NAME: City of Fountain Utilities ADDRESS: 105 E Missouri, Fountain

PHONE: (719) 382-5604 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

NAME: Security Water and Sanitation ADDRESS: 231 Security Blvd, Security

PHONE: (719) 392-3475

HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

NAME: Widefield Water & Sanitation District ADDRESS: 37 Widefield Blvd, Widefield

PHONE: (719) 390-7111 HOURS: M-F 0800-1630

NAME: Peoples Natural Gas ADDRESS: Hwy 85/87 PHONE: 1-800-3030752 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Phone: Deposit for a long distance carrier can be as high as \$140. Check with all companies for the best rates. Proof of previous prompt payment may reduce deposits.

NAME: Qwest

PHONE: (719) 636-6200

Cable: Check the yellow pages upon arrival. There are many companies in the area that can assist you with these needs.

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

For more information on this subject: Ft Carson Home Page (relocation) http://www.carson.army.mil

The Relocation Readiness team at Army Community Service helps soldiers and families reduce the problems often associated with frequent relocation. Some of the services offered for newcomers include this SITES packet, welcome packets, community and school information, list of useful web sites and phone numbers, a relocation web page, a welcome to Ft Carson video,Immigration and Naturalization assistance and ACS representatives at the Family Connection to help newcomers get settled in their new community.

Spouses of incoming soldiers should visit The Family Connection, the ACS family welcome center located in The Friendship House on Barkeley Avenue (Building 1354). The Family Connection includes the following services and activities: computer with email access for spouses; newcomer assistance; information on volunteer opportunities; community networking assistance; SHARE Colorado registration; the ACS Loan Closet; a toy and book exchange for families staying in temporary lodging; and a weekly spouse orientation that includes fun activities, networking opportunities and refreshments.

Make The Family Connection one of your first stopswe have a free gift for incoming spouses. The Family Connection is open Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1630. Take the post shuttle or call us for more information or directions - 526-1070.

ESL Adult English Classes are also offered every Tuesday and Thursday 0830 - 1130. Free Child Care offered on a space available basis with advance reservation.

Assistance is also provided to soldiers and families planning to depart Fort Carson. We offer one-on-one relocation planning consultations, SITES packets for military installations worldwide, overseas orientations.

ACS Greeters are available at The Family Connection to assist and direct services to soldiers and their family members. The Loan Closet is also located in the Friendship House on Barkley Avenue (Building 1354). They loan pots, pans, dishes, small appliances, cots, folding tables and chairs, portable crib's and infant car seats, these items are checked out on a 30 day basis.

Relocation Assistance

NAME: Relocation Readiness Program

POC: Donna Finney

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

E-MAIL: Relocation@carson.army.mil

In Transit Emergencies

Before leaving your current duty station, read this entire booklet about Fort Carson and the surrounding area. Pay particular attention to "Must Know" category.

If an unseen emergency occurs while traveling to Fort Carson, call the nearest Red Cross.

Financial Preparedness

The ACS Financial Readiness Programs offers a variety of services and tools to assist soldiers and families improve their money management skills, such as consumer affairs assistance, information and advocacy, financial counseling, budgeting assistance, information and qualification guidelines for food stamps, commodities, Women, Infants, & Children (WIC), and other social programs, insurance and investment information.

NAME: Financial Readiness Program ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide a comprehensive, coordinated, multi-agency approach toward community support, housing, medical, educational, and personnel services to families with special needs. Soldiers on active duty enroll in the program when they have a family member (child or adult) with any physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual disorder that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling. Special needs range from learning disabilities such as dyslexia to medical conditions such as epilepsy, Downs Syndrome, blindness, or other severe physical limitations.

The EFMP also provides assistance with identification of exceptional family members, advocacy, information and referral, community resource identification and support, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) assistance and advocacy, respite care, and relocation assistance. The EFMP is designed to ensure appropriate service delivery for family members. If you have a family member already enrolled in the EFMP, please notify this office so we can inform you of area events and resources that may be of interest.

NAME: Exceptional Family Member

Program(EFMP)

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Household Goods In-Bound Shipments

Contact Joint Personal Property Shipping Office-Colorado Springs (JPPSO-COS)as soon as you arrive in this area to see when your shipment will be arriving. Business in conducted by phone only.

NAME: Joint Personal Property Shipping Office PHONE INBOUND: (719) 554-9298 Toll Free:

(800)771-1819

PHONE OUTBOUND: (719) 526-3755 Toll Free:

(800)771-1819

HOURS: 0730-1630 Monday thru Friday, except

Holidays

DITY Documentation - Will be turned in to Finance

& Accounting at the Welcome Center

NAME: DITY Move Office

ADDRESS: Bldg 1218, Wetzel & Ellis

PHONE: (719) 526-8263

HOURS: M-W,& F 1330-1530, TH 1300-1500

Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments

You need to make an appointment six (6) weeks prior to having your personal property packed and picked up for shipment to your new assignment with the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office-Colorado Springs (JPPSO-COS) Ft Carson Personal Property Shipping Office.

ADDRESS: Bldg 1220, Corner of Specker & Evans

PHONE: (719)526-3755 TOLL FREE: (800)771-1819 HOURS: 0730-1630 M-F DITY Documentation - Will be turned into Finance and Accounting in the Welcome Center.

ADDRESS: Bldg 1218, Ellis St PHONE: (719)526-8623

Claims for Loss and/or Damage - Any questions or documentation sahould be directed to the Staff Judge Advocate's Office, Claims Division.

ADDRESS: Bldg 6285, Woodfill Rd

PHONE: (719)526-0656

Household Goods Claims

Any questions regarding how to file a claim for household goods should be directed at the claims department below.

NAME: SJA Claims

ADDRESS: Bldg 6285, Woodfill

PHONE: (719) 526-0656

DSN: 691-0656

HOURS: M/W/F 0900-1600, T 0745-1600, TH

1300-1430

Household Goods Weight Allowances

Grade	Allowance w/Dependents	Allowance wo/Dependents
E1	5,000	1,500
E2	5,000	1,500
E3	5,000	2,000
E4	7,000-8,000	3,500-7,000
E5	9,000	7,000
E6	11,000	8,000
E7	12,500	10,500
E8	13,500	11,000
E9	14,500	12,000
W-1	12,000	10,000
W-2	13,500	12,500
W-3	14,500	13,000
W-4	17,000	14,000
O-1	12,000	10,000
O-2	13,500	12,500
O-3	14,500	13,000
O-4	17,000	14,000
O-5	17,500	16,000
O-6+	18,000	18,000

POV In-Bound Shipments

For more information on this subject: Carson Home Page http://www.carson.army.mil When picking up your POV you will need copies of your orders, picture ID and Form 788. If someone other than the service member will be picking up the vehicle they will need picture ID preferably Drivers License, Power of Attorney from service member and

Form 788. All other questions should be directed to the numbers below.

NAME: Los Angeles Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Carson STATE: CA

PHONE: (310) 549-8277 TOLL FREE: 1-800-877-3344

NAME: Oakland Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Richmond STATE: CA

PHONE: (510) 231-6831 TOLL FREE: 1-800-704-2444

NAME: Orlando Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Orlando STATE: FL

PHONE: (407) 648-3677 TOLL FREE: 1-800-758-5998

NAME: Atlanta Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Ellenwood STATE: GA

PHONE: (404) 363-4449 TOLL FREE: 1-800-965-9155

NAME: St Louis Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Pontoon Beach

STATE: IL

PHONE: (618) 931-2888 TOLL FREE: 1-800-275-3706

NAME: New Orleans Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: New Orleans

STATE: LA

PHONE: (504) 264-2102/0770 TOLL FREE: 1-800-721-9632

NAME: Baltimore Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Baltimore STATE: MD

PHONE: (410) 631-5751 TOLL FREE: 1-800-631-5751

Metro NewYork/New Jersey Vehicle NAME:

Processing Center CITY: Harison STATE: NJ

PHONE: (973) 485-8164 TOLL FREE: 1-877-269-3702

NAME: Charleston Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Charleston STATE: SC

PHONE: (843) 805-6667

TOLL FREE: 1-800-747-9232

NAME: Dallas Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Lewisville STATE: TX

PHONE: (972) 436-9043 TOLL FREE: 1-800-438-2046

NAME: Norfolk Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Portsmouth STATE: VA

PHONE: (757) 465-4127 TOLL FREE: 1-800-810-7480

NAME: Seattle Vehicle Processing Center

CITY: Tacoma STATE: WA

PHONE: (253) 272-1712 TOLL FREE: 1-800-597-1833

HOUSEHOLD GOODS CLAIMS: Upon delivery of your household goods it is very important to observe the movers unload your goods. Any damaged or missing items should be annotated by the item, inventory number and the type of damage on the DD Form 1840 before the movers depart. Any discrepancies between you and the carrier, should be resolved through your local transportation office.

Unlike most civilian moves, where loss and damage must be noted immediately after delivery, soldiers have 70 days to notify the local claims office of loss and or damages. After your household goods have been delivered, you have 70 days to note loss and or damages on the reverse side of the pink form (the DD Form (1840R). Thoroughly inspect your items: turn on electrical items to ensure proper operation; inspect compact disks covers; check your figurines for damage. State the general nature of the damage, such as "stereo-- does not work." There is no need to get a repair estimate at this stage.

You must turn in the reverse side of the pink form (DD Form 1840)to your nearest Army claims office within 70 days of the delivery of your household goods. Failure to meet this requirement will hinder the claims office ability to collect your loss from the carrier. As a result, the claims office invariably will not pay you for any items you failed to report within 70 days.

After turning in the DD Form 1840R, the claims office will assist in filing the claim. You will need repair estimates and other documentation to substantiate the amount of you loss. You have two years from the date of the original delivery (not from the date you turned in your DD Form 1840R) to file a claim. If you are late in filing your claim the government will not be able to pay you.

For additional information contact our website located in the overview web address.

POV Out-Bound Shipments

When shipping your vehicle overseas you will need to wash, vaccuum and remove all personal belongings. You will need 6 copies of orders and Registration or Title. If the service members name is different on the orders than on the Registration then you will also need marriage certificate or divorce decree. You will also need picture ID and extra keys. You can carry car seat, stroller, playpen, extra hoses, and up to \$200 in tools. No flammable liquids. See inbound section for location and numbers.

POV Claims

When you ship your car you will be given a packet of information inside will be a claim form. Follow instructions.

NAME: SJA Claims

ADDRESS: Bldg 6285, Woodfill

PHONE: (719) 526-0656

DSN: 691-0656

HOURS: M/T/W/F 0900-1600,TH 1300-1430

Pet Boarding/Kennels

Boarding your pet can run from \$5 to \$12 a day. Colorado Inn has a listing of local kennels, hotels and motels that accept pets in the Colorado Springs area. Contact Veterinary Services at (719) 526-3803/DSN 691-3803 or consult the local telephone directory yellow pages.

Pet Licensing

Pets are available for adoption. Dogs and cats require licensing. Contact the numbers below for more specifics concerning cost and vaaination requirements.

NAME: Pikes Peak Humane Society

ADDRESS: 633 S 8th St PHONE: (719) 473-1741

HOURS: M-SA 0900-1730, SU 1300-1700

NAME: Veterinary Services PHONE: (719) 526-3803

DSN: 691-3803

Pet Quarantines

Contact Veterinary Services or the Humane Society for specifics. There are no quarantine regulations in Colorado.

Veterinary Services

The mission of Veterinary Service is one of public health: to prevent and control diseases or conditions that may be transmissible to humans or animals, or diseases that may constitute a community health problem. To promote the health and well being of animals owned by eligible personnell, the Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) offers vaccination clinics and limited sick call clinics for animals that may have an infectious disease. Call 526-3803 for further information and for hours of operation.

If you own pets and are moving onto Fort Carson, you must abide by the following regulations, IAW Fort Carson Regulation 40-5 and the Fort Carson Family Housing Guide:

Register your pets at the VTF within 10 days of arrival, or after acquiring a new pet.

Have all puppies and kittens vacccinated with an initial series beginning at 6-8 weeks of age, and annually thereafter. The rabies identification tag must be placed on the animal's collar.

Have your dog and/or cat microchipped. This involves placing a microchip, which is the size of a grain of rice, underneath the skin in the shoulder area. This is a means of permanent identification and is absolutely mandatory for all redidents on Fort Carson who own a dog or a cat. Failure to adhere to this policy may be grounds for eviction from Fort Carson housing.

Provide adequate food, water, and shelter for all animals, and remave animal waste daily.

Animals must be under proper control at all times and cannot roam free.

Transport animals involved in a bite incident to the VTF for examination and determination of quarantine procedures.

Pick up your pet's animal health care record from the VTF when clearing post.

Notify up your pet's animal is sold, given away, or dies. If the animal is sold or given away, the new owner must register the animal in their name within 10 days. Remember that you are financially responsible for your animal as long as it is registered in your name.

STRAY ANIMALS: The Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) is the stray facility for all animals impounded on Fort Carson. All strays impounded in the VTF stray facility are transported to the Humane

Society of the Pike's Peak Region on a daily basis. Call 526-3803 for additional information.

PET BOARDING/KENNELS: The Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) does not board pets. Boarding your pet in a local facility can run from \$6.00 to \$19.00 per day, depending on species and size of the animal. Some facilities may rewuire a deposit. Always carry your pet's complete health record because most boarding facilities require proof of currint vaccinations. For a listion of the boarding facilities, you may call the VTF at (719) 526-3803 or consult the local telephone directory yellow pages. The Colorado Inn has a listion of local hotels that accept pets in the Colorado Springs area.

PET TRANSPORTATION: Plan for your pet's trip to Colorado well in advance. A clean bill of health is an important first step in ensuring your pet's ability to safely adjust to unfamiliar surroundings. In addition, most states and countries require a recent health certificate and documentation of vaccinations before you will be allowed to cross its borders. Make sure destination address and phone number, or that of friend or relative.

When traveling by air, the kennel/carrier willbe where your pet will be spending most of his/her trip. Your pet must have room to turn freely while in a standing position and be able to use normal movements in order stand, sit or lie down in a natural position. A container for water should be secured to the indide of the carriere positioned so it may be filled without opening the cage. Carriers should be well ventilated, as well. All airlines in the United States require a health certificate from a veterinarion written no more than 10 days before travel. Most airlines have a temperature range in which they will fly your pet. Call your airline carrier to get more infornation and specific requirements.

NAME: Veterinary Clinic

ADDRESS: Bldg 6001, Nelson & Grove

PHONE: (719) 526-3803

DSN: 691-3803

HOURS: M-W,F 0730-1200 1300-1530, TH 1300-

1530

Pet Transportation

Plan for your pet's trip in the same way you plan your own, well in advance. A clean bill of health is an important first step in assuring your pet's ability to adjust safely to unfamiliar surroundings. In addition, most states and countries require recent health certificates and disease inoculation documentation before you will be allowed to cross borders, making a

trip to the veterinarian mandatory. Make sure your pet has a special identification tag with name, your name, and a destination address or that of a friend or relative.

When traveling by air. The pet kennel/carrier in which your pet will be spending most of his/her trip is of the utmost importance. Your pet must have room to turn freely while in a standing position and be able to use normal movements in order to stand erect or lie down in a natural position. A container for water should be secured to the inside of the carrier positioned so that it can be filled without opening the cage. A drip bottle is recommended. The Airline can provide you with further information.

Separation Procedures

When transitioning out of the military you should vist Army Community Alumni Program. They will help you with finding a job and adjusting with life outside of the miltary.

NAME: Transition Assistance/ACAP ADDRESS: Bldg 1118, Wetzel & Ellis

PHONE: (719) 526-1002/0640

DSN: 691-1002/0640

HOURS: M/T/W/T 0900-1630, Friday 07:30-1500

Billeting

Colorado Inn is the guesthouse on post. Please make reservations before arriving at Fort Carson. Call 1-800-GO-ARMY1 or the Colorado Inn to make reservations. No pets are admitted in this facilty.

NAME: Colorado Inn

ADDRESS: Bldg 7301, Sheridan & Woodfill

PHONE: (719) 526-4832

DSN: 691-4832

HOURS: 0630 - 0130 Hrs

Support Services

Support Services Overview

Fort Carson and the Colorado Springs area offer many unique support services. Read through the Support Services section of this booklet for more information. Contact the Information & Referral Office for any questions at (719) 526-4590 or DSN 691-4590.

Family Centers

Family Advocacy Program: This program specializes in family life skills through parenting,

relationship enhancements, youth safety and troop education.

The Nurturing Program is designed to teach parents how to be nurturing through understanding feelings, reducing stress, as well as using their own individual power. Parents also learn individual skills in parenting and instructions in infant massage.

The Victim Advocate Program is designed to help victims of domestic abuse with information on their rights. A victim advocate will work with you to provide a number of services aimed at supporting victims. They will empower you to make and carry out decisions to improve your quality of life.

For questions concerning any of these programs, contact the Family Advocacy Program.

NAME: Soldier & Family Readiness Program

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING (AFTB) "Army 101" is taught in three levels. Level I is for spouses with 0-5 years in the military. Level II is for spouses with 5-10 years in the military. Level III is for spouses with 10 years and over in the military. The classes improve personal and family preparedness, which enhances overall Army Readiness.

ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN (AFAP) An annual AFAP conference is held at Ft Carson which seeks to identify the issues of soldiers and family members which affect quality of life and propose solutions that build self reliance. 90% of the issues raised can be resolved at the installation level. Those not resolved locally go to FORSCOM or possibly to the DA level for resolution.

For more information on either AFTB or AFAP, contact ACS at 719-526-4590 or DSN 691-4590.

Unit Chaplain Programs are chaplain-sponsored activities in support of soldiers and family members. Programs include marriage enrichment, parenting skills, stress management, family values, anger control, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, deployment and reunion preparation, welcome

orientation, and others. Unit chaplains may also use the facility for unit family support group meetings and other activities in spiritual support of the unit. The Family Life Chaplain supervises the soldier/family ministry of unit chaplains at Fort Carson, provides resources for unit spiritual fitness training, and trains clinical skills in pastoral care and family counseling. The Family Life Chaplain also offers specialized marriage and family therapy through referral from unit chaplains and other agencies.

NAME: Family Life Ministries ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526 PHONE: (719) 526-6945/6917

DSN: 691-6945/6917 HOURS: M-F 0800-1630

Information and Referral

Finding the resources and support needed when moving to a new location can be frustrating; however, the Army Community Service Information and Referral Program can significantly reduce your stress. They are a one-stop connection to the community.

NAME: Information & Referral ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Financial Assistance Programs

Consumer Affairs and Financial Readiness Program: This program is designed to enhance soldiers knowledge of financial matters through consumer affairs assistance and information, financial and budget counseling, information and screening of state and government assistance programs, and financial classes tailored to military units on Fort Carson.

Budget counseling and Debt management counselors offer advice and advocacy to soldiers and families. Sessions are tailored to individual needs; all consultations are private, and each last approximately 1 hour. Please call for specific details.

Consumer Affairs acts as an advocate of the soldier when dealing with businesses off post. The program tracks business scams aimed at taking advantage of soldiers. The program also educates soldiers on state laws that may affect them.

Many soldiers and families qualify for state and government assistance programs such as Women,

Infants, and Children (WIC), food stamps, commodities, Share Colorado, Low Income Emergy Assistance Program (LEAP), and other social programs. Financial Readiness can screen and give information on all state and government programs to Fort Carson families.

Financial Readiness also offer classes at the unit level through the Command Financial NCO (CFN) Program. Each battalion on Fort Carson has an NCO that is trained to deal with and educate soldiers on financial matters and problems. Please call to find out who your CFN is.

The Consumer Affairs and Financial Readiness Program is dedicated to educating and helping Fort Carson develop and maintain a financially stable force.

NAME: Consumer Affairs & Financial Assistance

Program

POC: Pat Randle

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Name: Consumer Affairs & Financial Assistance
Program
POC: Pat Randle
Address: 1500 Wetzel
Bldg 1526
City: Fort Carson, CO 80913
Phone: 719-526-4590
DSN Phone: 691-4590
Comments:
HOURS: M-F 0730-1615

Emergency Assistance

Army Emergency Relief (AER) provides interest free loans and grants to assist soldiers and family with emergency situations. Circumstances that AER can assist are, eviction prevention, food and utilities, essential POV repair, emergency travel, and certain funeral expenses. Specific regulations apply to the disbursement of AER Funds. Please contact us at 526-3400/DSN 691-3400.

NAME: Army Emergency Relief ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

CITY: Fort Carson, CO 80913 PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

American Red Cross assists service members and their family members financially in emergency situations. Call for specifics.

NAME: American Red Cross

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

CITY: Fort Carson, CO 80913 PHONE: (719) 526-2311

DSN: 691-2311

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Call Army Community Service for additional emergency assistance information at (719) 526-4590.

Name: Army Emergency Relief
Address: 6303 Wetzel
Bldg 1526
City: Fort Carson, CO 80913
Phone: 719-526-4783/4590
DSN Phone: 691-4783/4590
Comments:
HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Family Advocacy

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a specialized program that enhances family life skills through education in parenting, relationship enhancement, child safety, and troop education.

FAP sponsors the following services: Nurturing Programs, New Parent Support Program, Infant Massage, Play Group, Boot Camp for New Dads, A Parent's Journey, Living with 10-15 year-olds, Raising Kids in troubled times, Single Parent Support Group, Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), A Couple's Journey, Strengthening Stepfamilies, Kids on the block Puppet Shows, Peer Mediation, Baby Bundles, Troop/unit Education, Cooperative Parenting, and Divorce.

The Victim Advocacy Program provide victims of domestic abuse with information on their rights. A victim advocate will work to provide a number of services aimed at supporting victims, and empowering them to make and carry out decisions to improve the quality of life for themselves and their children.

Name: Family Advocacy Program
Address: 6303 Wetzel Ave
Bldg 1526
City: Ft Carson, CO 80913
Phone: 719-526-4590

Name: Victim Advocate Program
Address: 6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg 1526

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913 **Phone:** 719-526-4590

Single Member Services

The Single Parent Support Group provides single parents with a variety of suppport services. Monthly meetings and activities center around parent/child relationships, military and community suppport programs and social events. An annual Single Parent Retreat allows single parent families to enjoy quality time together while rejuvenating families for the special needs of single parent families. Call for specifics about the programs offered.

NAME: Single Parent Group

CITY: Fort Carson

ADDRESS: 6303 WetzeL, Bldg 1526

ZIP CODE: 80913 PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

NAME: Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

CITY: Fort Carson

ADDRESS: Bldg 1217, Specker & Prussman

ZIP CODE: 80913

PHONE: (719) 524-BOSS (526-2077)

DSN: 691-BOSS (691-2077) HOURS: M-F 0700-1630

Name: Single Parent Group

Address: 6303 Wetzel

Bldg 1526

City: Fort Carson, CO, CO 80913

Phone: (719)526-4590

DSN Phone: 691-4590

Support Groups

Military families can find out about a number of support agencies and groups by contacting the Information and Referral program at (719) 526-4590.

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Ft Carson has six Physical Fitness Centers, two swimming pools, and three different craft shops, please call the MWR office for more specifics.

Name: Grant Library

Address: Bldg 1528, Specker & Flint

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913 **Phone:** 719-526-2630

Comments:

Lots of special reading activities are offered throughout the year for children, please call for

Name: Information, Tour, and Travel

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913 **Phone:** 719-526-5366

Comments:

ITT is a great place to get your discounted tickets for sights and attractions in Colorado.

Name: MWR Office

Address: Bldg 1217, Specker & Ellis

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913 **Phone:** 719-526-2432

Name: Outdoor Recreation Complex

Address: Bldg 2429, Specker & Wetzel City: Ft Carson, CO 80913

Phone: 719-526-2083

Comments:

Complex includes information center, retail sporting goods store, two classrooms, 32' indoor climbing wall, alpine tower challenge course, and an equipment rental facility offering summer and winter recreational equipment (tent, skies, boats,

campers, etc.) Call for more specifics.

Chapel Services and Programs

NAME: Installation Command Chaplain Office

ADDRESS: Bldg 6227, Prussman

PHONE: (719) 526-5209

DSN: 691-5209

HOURS: M-F 0900-1630

NAME: Soldiers Memorial Chapel

ADDRESS: Bldg 1500, Nelson & Martinez

PHONE: (719) 526-8007

DSN: 691-8007

Chapel Schedule: Roman Catholic

CHAPEL: Healer SERVICE: Mass

DAY: Sunday TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Evans Army Hospital

POC: Fr. Gagliardo PHONE: (719) 526-7386

CHAPEL: Healer SERVICE: Mass DAY: M-W-F TIME: 11:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Evans Army Hospital

POC: Fr. Gagliardo PHONE: (719) 526-7386

CHAPEL: Provider SERVICE: Mass DAY: Sunday TIME: 12:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Ellis POC: Chap. Cavanaugh PHONE: (719) 526-5769

CHAPEL: Soldiers' SERVICE: CCD DAY: Sunday TIME: 10:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Nelson & Martinez

POC: Ms. Feldman PHONE: (719) 526-0478

CHAPEL: Soldiers' SERVICE: Mass DAY: Sunday TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Nelson & Martinez

POC: Chap. Cavanaugh PHONE: (719) 526-5769

CHAPEL: Veterans' SERVICE: Mass DAY: Sunday TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Magrath & Titus POC: Chap. Cavanaugh PHONE: (719) 526-5769

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHAPEL: Veterans' SERVICE: Divine Liturgy

DAY: Sunday TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Magrath & Titus

POC: Chap. Olson PHONE: (719) 526-5772

LITURGICAL

CHAPEL: Provider SERVICE: Lutheran DAY: Sunday TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Ellis

POC: Chap. Brock PHONE: (719) 526-4416

PROTESTANT CHAPEL: Healer SERVICE: Protestant DAY: Sunday TIME: 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Evans Army Hospital

POC: Chap. Jackson PHONE: (719) 526-7387

CHAPEL: Prussman SERVICE: Protestant DAY: Sunday TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Prussman

POC: Chap. Gibson PHONE: (719) 526-5803

CHAPEL: Provider SERVICE: Sun School DAY: Sunday

TIME: 10:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Ellis

POC: Chap. Duvall PHONE: (719) 526-4416

CHAPEL: Provider SERVICE: Protestant DAY: Sunday TIME: 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Ellis

POC: Chap. Belz PHONE: (719) 526-4416

CHAPEL: Prussman SERVICE: Sun School DAY: Sunday

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Prussman

POC: Chap. Pair PHONE: (719) 526-2811

CHAPEL: Prussman SERVICE: Prot/Gospel

DAY: Sunday TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Barkeley & Prussman

POC: Chap. Pair

PHONE: (719) 526-2811

CHAPEL: Soldiers' SERVICE: Sun School

DAY: Sunday TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Nelson & Martinez

POC: Dr. Sheck

PHONE: (719) 526-5626

CHAPEL: Soldiers' SERVICE: PYOC DAY: Sunday TIME: 6:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Nelson & Martinez

POC: Mr. Kayll

PHONE: (719) 526-5229

CHAPEL: Soldiers' SERVICE: Protestant

DAY: Sunday TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Nelson & Martinez

POC: Chap. Herron PHONE: (719) 526-8011

CHAPEL: Veterans' SERVICE: Protestant DAY: Sunday

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Magrath & Titus

POC: Chap. Atkins PHONE: (719) 524-1822

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's office, bulding 6227, at (719) 526-5209. For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at (719) 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services. Some worship services offer children's church for ages 6 to 12.

Drug and Alcohol

The Alcohol and Drug Office provides identification and prevention for soldiers with substance abuse problems. The program serves active duty military personnel, civilian work force, retirees, and all their family members.

Name: Drug and Alcohol Program
Address: Bldg 1217, Specker & Ellis

City: Ft Carson, CO 80913 **Phone:** 719-526-2181

Legal Assistance

The Legal Office counsels clients on various legal matters, including but not limited to adoptions and name changes, consumer affairs, domestic relations, estate planning, landlord-tenant relations, nonsupport of family members and taxes; prepare or review legal documents including, but not limited to wills, powers of attorney, lease/rental agreements and consumer contracts; conducts domestic briefings for clients contemplating divorce. Appointments are made on the last duty day of each week for the following week.

Name: Legal Assistance Office
Address: Bldg 6285, Woodfill Rd
City: Ft Carson, CO 80913
Phone: 719-526-5572

Child And Teen Services

Child and Teen Services Overview

To register in Fort Carson Child and Youth Services, stop by Central Registration, Bldg. 5510, Harr St. or call 526-1100/1101. They are open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-in registration is on Mondays, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 526-1100 or 526-1101 to make an appointment for Tuesday through Friday. In order to register your child/youth you must provide a copy of your child/youth up-to-date shot record. Applicable fees will apply.

NAME: Child and Youth Services

ADDRESS: 5510 Harr St. PHONE: (719) 526-1100

DSN: 691-1100

HOURS: M-F 0730-1700

Child Care Programs - on Installation

Fort Carson's Childcare programs consist of full-day and hourly childcare for children six weeks to 5 years old. They provide a creative environment for your child with physical growth and educational activities as part of the program. Fort Carson offers three centers with these daycare options. They are located in Bldg. 6058 (East Center), Bldg. 6060 (West Center) and in Bldg. 6267 (the Annex). The West Center offers both full-day and hourly care. They have a 303 children capacity (which includes 74 spaces for hourly care). The East Center offers full-day care for 303 children. The Annex offers Kindergarten care, full-day care, and a part-day preschool. Some of these services do have waiting lists.

Call for specifics. Children who have special needs are required to be staffed through the Special Needs Resource Team (SNRT) before admission to CYS programs and/or activities. The SNRT is a comprehensive group of professionals that assists in determining the least restrictive environment for children or youth who required specialized childcare or activities. This team idednifies the most appropriate child care program or activity placement for children with health issues, developmental delays, physical, social, emotional, learning or behavioral cancerns. As a parent, you are a vital member of this team. All Child Development Services are DoD certified and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. information, call the East Center at 719-526-5977. the West Center at 719-524-0151/0152 and the Annex at 719-526-3372/3171. For registration information, call 719-526-1100/1101.

Pre-School Program

The part-day pre-school program, located at the Annex, is open to children ages 3 to 5 years. Morning and afternoon sessions are available Tuesdays & Thursdays or Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Annex, Bldg. 6267. For registration information, call 719-526-1100/1101.

Family Child Care (FCC)

Fort Carson also offers Family Child Care (FCC) homes, both on and off post. FCC Providers offer age-appropriate activities in an environment that is nurturing and homelike. The small group size allows the children to develop close relationships to their caregiver and the other children in the group. FCC providers are also able to accommodate a variety of work schedules. Providers in home-based care follow the same guidelines and training schedule as the CYS center-based programs. For information, call 719-526-3338.

Child Care Programs - Community

Call the Child and Youth Services for information on certified child care providers off post, (719) 526-1100 DSN 691-1100.

Check the yellow pages for listings of daycare centers, nursery schools, and pre-schools.

Things To Do - Clubs and Social

Teen Seminars & Workshops: Motivational seminars are provided to encourage positive guidance towards their future. Workshops are provided to give children the chance to participate and enhance their knowledge in different areas.

Multi-Cultural: Youth are exposed to different cultures throughout the year, and learn through dancers, speakers, and art.

4-H: Colorado Springs 4-H meets weekly for crafts and various art projects. This allows the youth to use their imagination and creativity.

Computer Lab & Tutor Program: Teachers from District 8 offer extra help to the children who may need it, and provide a place to study and do homework in a quiet area.

Var City Council Meetings: Youth in grades 9-12 conduct council meetings to keep youth informed of upcoming events and activities. Youth also provide input and ideas about the Youth Services.

Camping & Expeditions: Summer youth programs include camping, fishing, hiking, arts-n-crafts, swimming, etc.

Boys & Girls Scouts: For information call 526-1238

Youth Chapel Groups: For information call 524-1166.

Youth Services Clubs (Grades 5-12):

Intramurals - Learn the fundamentals of various sports in a fun and non-competitive way.

SMART Girls Club - This is a program to help girls 10-15 develop and enhance the skills necessary for a healthy lifestyle.

Lifeskills Club - Learn daily lifeskills such as cooking, sewing and personal grooming.

Weight Training - Learn weight-training techniques with a certified instructor.

Aerobics - Participate in aerobics with our certified instructor.

Art Club - This club provides the opportunity to experience different fine art forms (painting, drawing and calligraphy).

Computer Club - Learn how to develop calendars, newsletters, web pages, and find your way around the Internet.

Shooting Stars - This is our Youth Sponsorship Club. Become pen pals with incoming youth and

help welcome them to Fort Carson at the Youth Centers Hail & Farewell.

The FACTORY - Plan and participate in games and activities that deal with the six pillars of Character Counts.

Keystone Club - This is an enhanced program that instills citizenship and leadership in our Teens. Youth will also be working on their personal and educational development.

Torch Club - This club prepares Middle Schoolers for the Keystone Club.

T.R.A.I.L. Club - Training Responsible Adolescence In Leadership. This is an outdoor adventure club. Learn activities such as snow boarding, rock climbing, rafting and much more!

Photography Club - Learn proper photography techniques in this club.

Career Explorer Club - VarCity youth (grades 9-12) will have an opportunity to explore different careers and learn to prepare to enter the work force.

Junior Achievement - The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives.

Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

Youth Service Programs (Sports): Sports programs offer youth a chance to strengthen their bodies while learning the game. Football, soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, basketball and cheerleading are offered. Fitness Sports offers boxing, track & field, and golf. For sports information, call (719) 526-1233.

School of the Arts: This offers instructional classes such as ballet, tap, jazz and gymnastics for ages 3-18. TaeKwonDo, guitar and piano lessons are offered for all ages.

Schools

Refer to "Must Know Items" and the "Education" sections.

School Age Care

Fort Carson offers Before and After School care for youth in grades 1-4. Transportation is provided to and from on-post schools. Full day care is available

for school out days. Winter Camp, Spring Camp and Summer Camp are run according to the District 8 school calendar. Several clubs are run during regular programming, including District 8 teachers in homework and computer lab, photography, 4-H and Junior Achievement.

School Age Services Clubs (Grades 1-4)

Intramurals - An integrated program of sports clinics for competitive and cooperative games. This program is facilitated by a sports professional to enhance individualities.

Life Savers Club - Introduce your school-age youths to exciting hobbies and activities that will keep them exploring, discovering, inventing and experimenting.

Pillar of Goals - A club with the main focus of assisting youth in developing educational, career and personal goals.

Touch our People - The TOP Club focuses on community involvement and citizenship. There will be opportunities to dedicate service to others.

Cyber Club - The computer lab offers interactive web opportunities for youth. The challenge of keeping our youth abreast in modern technology has been achieved with the assistance of school district 8 cyber tutors.

Snap Shot Club - The photography club is facilitated by a professional photographer. The youth will have the opportunity to have hands-on experience with digital, portrait and landscape photography.

Book Club - The Book Club activities will enhance literacy in a recreational environment. Youth will develop leadership skills as they share book reviews and get involved in their own creative writing.

Character Counts - A nationally recognized program with a focus on character standards and values (similar to Army Core Values). The following are the character pillars that will be reinforced in every aspect of our program:

Respect Responsibility Caring Fairness Citizenship Trustworthiness

NAME: Before and After School Program

ADDRESS: 5510 Harr St.

PHONE: (719)526-3368

DSN: 691-3368

HOURS: M-F 0600-1800

Sponsorship and Support

For more information on this subject: On-line registration, see the Relocation section http://www.carson.army.mil

The Shooting Stars is the youth sponsorship program at Fort Carson. This gives youth a chance to meet new friends. Newcomers are matched with a volunteer youth sponsor who is responsible for making their adjustment period a positive experience. The youth are matched together by age, sex, common interests and housing area when possible.

To request a youth sponsor on-line, visit the relocation section of the Ft Carson home page.

NAME: Shooting Stars Youth Sponsorship

Program

ADDRESS: Bldg. 5950, Ware St. (grades 5-12);

Bldg. 5510, Harr St. (grades 1-4)

PHONE: (719) 526-2680 (for youth in grades 5-12) PHONE: (719) 526-3368 (for youth in grades 1-4)

DSN: 691-2680/691-3368

EMAIL: shootingstar@ftcarson.com

HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Youth Employment

Fort Carson and the surrounding area have many job opportunities. You can apply through One Stop Job Employment. They also have an AAFES Representative that is there on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30. They hire for the PX and the fast food restaurants on post. Any other questions, contact the number below.

NAME: Employment Readiness POC: Mercedes Jamieson

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg. 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Youth Centers

The Fort Carson Youth Service Program is comprised of Youth Development, Leisure/Recreation, Fitness/Sports, Life Skills and Leadership Program, and Mentoring Intervention and Support Services. A wide-range of programs and services are provided for youth, grades 5-12, which include Self-Directed Open Recreation, Teams, Individual and Group

Sports, Youth Advisory Council, and a Computer Lab/Tutoring.

Programs:

Midnight Basketball - takes place the first Friday of every month from 1800-2000 for the 58 Club (youth in grades 5-8) and at 2000-2330 for Var City (youth in grades 9-12).

Teen DJ Clinic - Youth learn to DJ and in turn work at Youth Center events. Camping and fishing trips visit various sites around Colorado, for youth in grades 5-12.

Lock-Ins - overnight fun, incorporating field trips with activities in the building. Summer Hiking and Biking Program, for youth in grades 5-12.

Youth Theatrical Productions - under our School of the Arts Program, youth are able to audition and perform in various productions.

Youth Field Trips - Trips to local attractions such as Skate City, Discovery Zone, ice skating, swimming, plus to local and regional attractions such as Rockies, Broncos, Nuggets games; white water rafting, amusement parks, etc.

See Things to Do - Clubs and Social section for more youth information.

NAME: Fort Carson Youth Services ADDRESS: Bldg. 5950, Ware St.

PHONE: (719) 526-2680

OSN: 691-2680

HOURS: M-F 0800-1700 (Admin)

For Teens Only

Moving to Colorado Springs can be scary for some teens. Some think it's too small, some think it's too big. Don't forget to call the Youth Service Center for sponsorship information, (719) 526-2680 DSN 691-2680.

Colorado Springs is a big tourist town that can help the teen who is always bored. There's no boredom in this town, because there's too many things to do and to see. Finding a job isn't hard either, there are many listings. Call Army Community Service, Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP), (719) 526-4590 DSN 691-4590.

Schools: There are 10 seperate school districts in the Colorado Springs area. To register your child in any

of these schools you will need to have current shot records, birth certificates, and previous school records, if available. Some of the programs the schools offer are Student Cabinet, Advanced Athletic Training, Journalism, Yearbook, Photography and many more. There are no Department of Defense Schools (DODDS) in the area.

Dress Codes/Gang-Related Behaviors or Incidents/Gang-Violence, Drugs: All questions on these topics should be directed at the districts. The numbers are in the Education Section of this booklet.

Extra-Curricular Activities: The school districts in this area have a lot of these activities, some of them include: Book Club, German, Spanish, Drama, and French Clubs. Contact the districts for more information. The numbers are in the Education Section of this booklet.

Sports Activities: The schools in this area have many sport programs to offer, some of them include: Boys and Girls Basketball, Tennis, Soccer and Swim Teams. Contact the districts for more information. The numbers are in the Education Section of thi booklet.

Employment/Volunteer Opportunities: Fort Carson and the surrounding area have many job opportunities. You can apply through One Stop Job Employment.

NAME: Employment Readiness POC: Mercedes Jamieson

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Fort Carson also has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator for more information.

NAME: Installation Volunteer Coodinator (IVC)

POC: Gwen Ragle

ADDRESS: 6303 Wetzel, Bldg 1526

PHONE: (719) 526-4590

DSN: 691-4590

HOURS: M-F 0800-1615

Driver's License Information: To apply for a driver's license under the age of 18 you will need to have a lerners permit for more than 90 days and your biological parent will have to be with you. The

license fee is \$15.00. Contact the number below for more information.

ADDRESS: 161 Fontaine Blvd, Widefield Mall

PHONE: (719) 392-6101 HOURS: M-F 0800-1700

Youth Service Programs: Fort Carson s youth enjoy many programs and special events at the Youth Services Center. The center has a snack bar, a 58 Club (for youth in grades 5-8), a Var City Club (for youth in grades 9-12), a dance arts room, crafts room, a gym, a fitness center, a multi-purpose room and a cyber city caf. Programs consist of spring/summer day camps, and before/after school activities. The sports program gives the youth an opportunity to participate in soccer, baseball, softball, flag football, cheerleading, and basketball. Contact the Youth Services for more information, (719)526-2680 DSN 691-2680. See the "Child and Youth Services" Section.

Religious Services: Colorado Springs has many religious activities on/off post. Contact the Installation's Chaplain's Office.

NAME: Installation Command Chaplain Office

ADDRESS: Bldg 6227, Prussman

PHONE: (719) 526-5209

DSN: 691-5209

HOURS: M-F 0900-1630

Safety Issues/Curfew Hours: The curfew if you live on post is 18 and under will be home on weekdays by 2200 (10:00 p.m.) and on weekends by 2400 (12:00 a.m.). All questions concerning off post curfew hours should be directed to the Military Police (719) 526-2333.

Teens to Teens: Colorado Springs is a great place to live with many activities. Request a teen sponsor before you arrive or meet new friends at our monthly youth hail and farewell.

NAME: Fort Carson Youth Center ADDRESS: Bldg 5950, Ware St PHONE: (719) 526-2680

DSN: 691-2680

HOURS: M-F 0800-1700 (Administration)

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

This section covers important steps to make your move a little easier. Please read through each section to find out everything you can about your new home.

Before You Move

The most important thing to do before you move with the military is to request a sponsor. A sponsor can help you learn about the area you are coming to. The sponsor has already lived in the area and will know all of the important things that can help you make smart decisions about your PCS move. The quickest way to request a Ft Carson sponsor is visit the Ft Carson home page. An on-line sponsor request form is located in the "relocation" section.

Also consider contacting the Chamber of Commerce for additional information. Installations will no longer be sending out in-depth packets due to the information that is now available in SITES. The Chamber of Commerce packet will provide you with information regarding the community structure. To get the Chamber of Commerce address, visit any local library and ask for the directory.

If a spouse wants to work at the next duty station they may want to have a resume prepared before moving. This will enable them to start their job hunt immediately upon arrival. Visit the Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) at your local Army Community Service (ACS) for help with this process.

Initial term enlistees authorized dependent travel are now entitled to Temporary lodging expense (TLE) for 10 days. Officers making their initial move upon entering active duty are still not authorized this entitlement. The soldier must have the following documents on hand to ensure proper processing: PCS orders, statement of non-availability from housing, original lodging receipt and one copy. If a soldier is missing any of the above documents, Finance can assist with alternative measures. First termers are authorized only two advanced pays upon arrival at first permanent duty station. Family entitled to dependent travel members are reimbursement for travel to the new duty station. This reimbursement is usually mileage allowance or ticket costs and per diem. Soldiers are advised to check with the finance customer service for briefings on entitlements before making any relocation plans.

If you are planning a do-it-yourself (DITY) move, there are several forms and documents you will have to prepare prior to departure to insure maximum reimbursement upon arrival at your new duty station. Make an appointment with your Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) for correct information on weight requirements, required documentation, and the proper procedures for a successful DITY move before you finalize your plans. Also be sure to check on your authorization and entitlements for moving any household goods at government expense whether you do it yourself or have JPPSO arrange packers and transportation. Don't be caught short thinking that you will be reimbursed for expenses or that the government will take care of everything for you. This is your move and your responsibility to insure that you understand the process and entitlements.

Military life can be very stressful, especially when it comes to moving. It can be hard on the service member and all family members. By reading this entire booklet, you will have fewer questions about your move to Fort Carson. If you plan and don't overextend your finances, moving will be fun and exciting. There are things in this section of the booklet that can help you prepare for a successful move.

NOTE: If you get married before you PCS, you must inform your commander and follow the procedures exactly as you are given them. The military will not pay for travel and housing of your spouse if you do not follow proper procedures. See the relocation category for more information.

After You Arrive

The Army Community Service (ACS) Greeter located in the Welcome Center, Bldg 1218, will have information you need to start your new adventure at Fort Carson.

Contact transportation once you are settled to check the delivery status of your household goods. If you need basic household items, the Loan Closet at the Welcome Center can help. Please call the Welcome Center for additional information at (719) 526-0349, DSN 691-0349

Reporting Procedures

You will need to report to the Welcome Center (USA Replacement) in Bldg 1218, 24 hours a day. If arriving by plane or bus, be prepared to take a taxi to Fort Carson and save your receipt to be reimbursed.

Please call the Welcome Center at 1-800-279-1151 for additional information.

Travel Planning

Plan your travel itinerary carefully and consider keeping your planned route to major interstates. Reduce your daily driving time if traveling unknown routes. For billeting reservations along the way, call 1-800-GO-ARMY1 for Army installations or 1-800-628-9466 for Navy installations.

Vehicle Ownership

Vehicle information is located in the section titled INSTALLATION under Regulations of this booklet.

Housing and Billeting

By a direct order of the Commanding General, all service members arriving at Fort Carson must visit the CHRRS office before entering into any rental or sales agreement.

Check out the HOUSING and AT A GLANCE sections of this booklet for help in planning your move.

Money Matters

If you're planning a long leave or vacation in route, budgeting and savings are critical. If you take advance pay and/or spend your relocation entitlements, you will not be prepared for a successful assignment at Fort Carson. Advance pays have to be paid back in 12 months and relocation monies are critical to fund deposits and immediate needs (housing, food, transportation, etc). The ACS Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program (CAFAP) offers assistance regarding your budget. Please call CAFAP for additional assistance at (719) 526-4590, DSN 691-4590.

At A Glance

Facility/Services Summary

Off	icer and En	listed Population			
Active Duty Officer	1549	Active Duty Warrant Officer	345		
Guard Reserve Officer	0	Guard Reserve Warrant Officer	0		
Retired (Officer and Enlisted)	20578	Foreign Service Officers	0		
Active Duty Enlisted	13734	Guard Reserve Enlisted	0		
Foreign Service Enlisted	0				
	Civ	ilians			
Civil Service	2035	Wage Grade	356		
Non-Appropriated Funds	406	Family Members -on and off Installation-	65576		
Family Services					
Family Centers	1	Teen Centers	1		
Child Day Care	3	Family Child Care Certified Homes			
Total Child Capacity	1099	Total Child Capacity			
Average Waiting List Time -Months-	3				
Other Services					
Commissary	1	Exchanges	1		
Shoppettes	2	Gas Stations	2		
Movie Theaters	0	Banks and Credit Unions	2		
McDonalds/Burger King	1	Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires	3		

Housing Summary

Officer Housing					
Senior Officer Waiting	12	Senior Officer 3 Bed Room	24		
Senior Officer 4 Bed Room	0	Senior Officer Other	0		
Company Grade Officer Waiting	10	Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room	92		
Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room	105	Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room	4		
Company Grade Officer Other	0	BOQ	12		
Enlisted Housing					
Senior Enlisted Waiting	15	Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room	150		
Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room	90	Senior Enlisted Other	0		
Enlisted Waiting	18	Enlisted 2 Bed Room	653		
Enlisted 3 Bed Room	703	Enlisted Other	0		
BEQ	12	Transient Lodging Facilities	186		

Education Summary

Name	Numbers
Elementary School	3
Jr High/Middle School	1
High School	0

Local Community Summary

Type of Housing	Avg.	Low	High
Apartment Rent	630	380	1400
House Rent	850	795	2500
House Price - Single Family	135000	100000	500000
Townhouse/Condominium Price	90000	70000	250000

Medical and Dental Summary

Medical Facilities						
Medical Treatment Facilities	Y	Number of Beds	195	Medical Clinic	22	
Alcohol	N	Allergy	Y	Audiology	Y	
Cardiology	Y	Coronary care	N	Dermatology	Y	
Dietary	N	Emergency room	Y	Endocrinology	N	
Family Practice	Y	General surgery	Y	Gynecology	Y	
HIV Unit	N	Hematology	N	Immunization	Y	
Infect Disease	Y	Intensive Care	N	Laboratory	Y	
Mental Health	Y	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	N	Nuclear Medicine	N	
Nephrology	N	Neurology	N	Neurosurgery	N	
Obstetrics	Y	Oncology	N	Opthamology	Y	
Optometry	Y	Orthopedics	Y	Otolarygnology	N	
Pathology	N	Pediatrics	Y	Physical Therapy	Y	
Podiatry	Y	Primary Care	N	Radiology	Y	
Rheumatology	N	Urology	Y			
Dental Facilities						
Dental Clinics	4	Adolescent	N	Endodontics	Y	
General Dentistry	Y	Oral Surgery	Y	Orthodontics	Y	
Pedodontist	Y	Periodontics	Y			

Relocation and Support Services Summary

Military Clubs					
Officers Club	0	Non-Commissioned Officers Club	0		
Enlisted Club	0				
Recreation					
Arts and Crafts	2	Automobile Hobby Centers	1		
Bowling Centers	1	Recreational Centers	0		
Libraries	1	Music and Theater Locations	0		
Ph	ysical I	Fitness/Sports			
9 Hole Golf Courses	0	18 Hole Golf Courses	1		
Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers	6	Jogging Paths	5		
Tennis Clubs/Courts	0	Tennis Courts - Lighted	2		
Swimming Pools - Public	2				
Nature/Outdoor Activities					
Outdoor Recreation Centers	1	Campgrounds	0		
Fishing Areas	3	Horse Stables	1		

APPENDIX

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